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127	6-17-50	WFO Teletype to PH + HQ	1	1	
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129	6-18-50	Teletype From Newark to WFO, NY, HQ, PHILADELPHIA	1	1	
130	6-18-50	Teletype From PHILADELPHIA to HQ, NY, NK	1	1	
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132	6-18-50	Teletype From PHILA to HQ.	1	1	
133	6-18-50	Teletype From Newark to HQ, NY, PHILA	1	1	
134	6-18-50	Teletype From Newark to BALT, PHILA, NY, HQ	2	2	
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139	6-17-50	TELETYPE FROM NY TO PHILA, HQ, WFO	1	1	
140	6-19-50	TELETYPE FROM PHILA. TO NY. AND HQ	2	2	
141	6-19-50	TELETYPE FROM NY. TO Newark PHILA. HQ	6	6	
142	6-19-50	Memo FROM MR. LADD TO Director	1	1	
143	6-16-50	Memo FROM AN. BELMONT to LADD	2	2	
144	6-20-50	TELETYPE FROM Newark to N.Y., PHILA, HQ	2	2	
145	6-20-50	Memo FROM BELMONT to LADD	1	1	
146	6-20-50	TELETYPE FROM ALBANY to HQ, PHILA, WFO	3	3	
147	6-20-50	TELETYPE FROM Newark to HQ, NY, PHILA, Balt	1	1	
148	6-20-50	TELETYPE FROM PHILA to HQ, NY, BALT, Newark.	1	1	
149	8-26-50	65-59181-49 CHANGED TO 65-57331-44	1	1	

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150	6-21-50	TELETYPE FROM PHILA to NY NEWARK HQ	9	9	
151	6-21-50	TELETYPE FROM NEWARK to HQ, NY, PHILA	1	1	
152	6-21-50	TELETYPE FROM PHILA to HQ NY, NEWK.	1	1	
153	6-21-50	TELETYPE FROM BA to HQ NY, NK, PH.	1	1	
154	6-22-50	LETTER FROM IRS to AG.	1	-	Referral
155	6-22-50	TELETYPE FROM NY to HQ, PHILA, NEWARK	2	2	
156	6-22-50	TELETYPE FROM PHILA to HQ, NY, NEWARK	7	7	
157	6-22-50	TELETYPE FROM SFL to HQ, PHILA	1	1	
158	6-22-50	TELETYPE FROM PHILA to HQ & NY	1	1	
159	6-22-50	TELETYPE FROM PHILA to HQ, WFO, NY	2	2	
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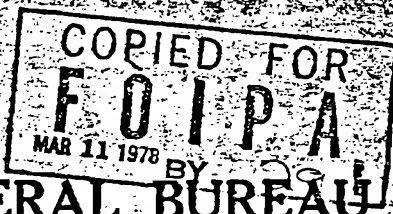
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162	6-24-50	TELETYPE FROM PHILA TO HQ NY NEWARK	5	5	
163	6-24-50	TELETYPE FROM PHILA TO HQ NEWARK NY	1	1	
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165	6-26-50	TELETYPE FROM PHILA TO HQ NEWARK	1	1	
166	6-26-50	TELETYPE FROM NEWARK TO HQ PHILA NEWARK	2	2	
167	6-27-50	TELETYPE FROM NEWARK TO HQ NY PHILA	1	1	
N/R	6-27-50	TELETYPE FROM NY TO HQ PHILA RE GOLD + BLACK	1	-	See HQ 65-57449
168	6-27-50	TELETYPE FROM CGO TO HQ PHILA	1	1	
169	6-29-50	TELETYPE FROM NEWARK TO HQ PH, NEW YORK	1	1	
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174	7.3.50	NK TELETYPE TO HQ, NY, PH	1	1	
175	7.4.50	NK TELETYPE TO HQ, PH	1	1	
176	7.6.50	NK TELETYPE TO HQ, NY, PH	1	1	
177	7.6.50	CG TELETYPE TO HQ, PH	1	1	
178	7.7.50	NK TELETYPE TO HQ, NY, PH	1	1	
179	7.10.50	NK TELETYPE TO HQ, NY, PH	1	1	
NR	7.13.50	RE: FERDINAND HELLER PH LETTER TO HQ	2	2	
180	7.19.50	CG REPORT TO HQ / copy of rpt	4 1	5	1
181	7.27.50	NH LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
NR	7.26.50	NK LETTER TO HQ	1	1	

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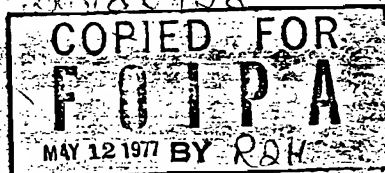
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WASHINGTON 7 NEWARK 4 FROM PHILA: 6-17-50 5.29 PM EDSI

DIRECTOR AND SAC

THOMAS L. BLACK, WA., ESPIONAGE R. DURING THE COURSE OF THE INTERVIEW WITH THOMAS L. BLACK, HE STATED THAT HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH ONE ROLAND KAPP, WHO WAS THEN EMPLOYED WITH THE NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS COMPANY AND IS PRESENTLY HEAD OF THE FINE CHEMICAL DIVISION OF NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY. HE DESCRIBED KAPP AS BEING A GRADUATE OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. IN NINETEEN THIRTY THREE, BLACK STATES THAT HE TOLD KAPP HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CP. AT THAT TIME, KAPP TOLD BLACK THAT HE HAD BEEN A MEMBER AT ONE TIME OF THE WORKERS PARTY AND THAT AN OLD FRIEND OF HIS WAS ENGAGED IN UNDERGROUND ACTIVITY AT THAT TIME FOR THE CP. AT THAT TIME KAPP DID NOT IDENTIFY HIS FRIEND WHO WAS ENGAGED IN UNDERGROUND ACTIVITY. IN NINETEEN THIRTY NINE, BLACK ATTENDED THE TROTSKYITE CONVENTION IN CHICAGO AND LEARNED FROM FELIX MORROW OF THE DEFECTION OF WHITTAKER CHAMBERS AND HIS REVEALING HIS SOVIET ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY TO ARMY INTELLIGENCE. BLACK WAS IMPRESSED WITH THIS AND RETURNED TO NEWARK AND ASKED KAPP IF WHITTAKER CHAMBERS WAS HIS FRIEND WHO HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN UNDERGROUND COMMUNIST ACTIVITY. AT THAT TIME, KAPP ADMITTED TO BLACK THAT HE WAS A FRIEND OF WHITTAKER CHAMBERS AND THAT CHAMBERS WAS THE INDIVIDUAL HE HAD PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH BLACK. BLACK DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT KAPP WAS EVER INVOLVED IN FURNISHING INFORMATION TO CHAMBERS BUT STATES THAT KAPP INDICATED THAT CHAMBERS WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF KAPP. THE

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SARA LEWIS, AND THE TRUE NAMES, LOUIS JACOBS AND SARA JACOBS.

BLACK BELIEVED THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS WOULD STILL BE SWP MEMBERS TODAY.

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NK ACK AND DISC

cc: Mrs. Belmont
Mrs. Tamm

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FROM NEWARK

6-18-50

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DIRECTOR AND SACS U R G E N T

THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS, ESP-R. RE NEW YORK TEL JUNE SEVENTEEN LAST,
CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF BLACK-S HAVING CONTACTED OVAKIMIAN OR
PODBIELNIAK CONCERNING EQUIPMENT FOR MANUFACTURE OF PENICILLIN
AND RELATED PRODUCTS. MAURICE BACON COOKE, NINE SIX NINE MAYFAIRWAY,
PLAINFIELD, NJ ADVISED THAT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF AMERICAN
LOCOMOTIVE HE HAD FREQUENT ASSOCIATIONS WITH OVAKIMIAN WHO WAS
ASSOCIATED WITH AMTORG BUT THAT HE HAD NEVER HEARD OVAKIMIAN MENTION
BLACK NOR HAD HE HEARD OF BLACK THROUGH ANY OTHER SOURCE. COOKE
GAVE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH PODBIELNIAK,
INCORPORATED. JOSEPH MINNEVITCH, STONE-WEBSTER COMPANY, BOSTON,
MASSACHUSETTS AND GUS EGLOFF, UNIVERSAL LABORATORIES, THREE ONE
TWO MICHIGAN BOULEVARD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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DIRECTOR AND SACS

THOMAS L BLACK, ESPIONAGE R. GOLD ADVISED TODAY THAT HE RECALLED BLACK

RELATING TO HIM AN ASSIGNMENT BLACK RECEIVED FROM THE SOVIETS TO AS-
CERTAIN THE RESIDENCE OF MAN WHOM BLACK DESCRIBED AS TROTSKY-S

PRINCIPAL AGENT IN THE US. BLACK TOLD GOLD THAT THIS MAN WENT UNDER
VARIOUS ALIASES AND WAS A YOUNG MAN. BLACK SAID THAT HE FREQUENTLY

TAILED THIS MAN IN AN ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN HIS RESIDENCE. ON ONE
OCCASION BLACK TOLD THAT HE HAD TAILED A MAN AWAY FROM A MEETING AND
WATCHED HIM GET IN A CAR AND BLACK OBTAINED THE LICENSE NUMBER.

BLACK TOLD GOLD HE WENT TO TRENTON, NJ AS CAR HAD NJ TAGS. THERE BLACK
CONTACTED THE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND GAVE THEM STORY THAT HIS PET

DOG HAD BEEN RUN OVER AND THE DRIVER DID NOT STOP, SO BLACK WANTED
NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON. BLACK OBTAINED THE ADDRESS AND TOLD GOLD

THAT IT WAS NJ AND GOLD RECALLS NAMES OF MONTCLAIR OR ONE OF THE
ORANGES IN THE NEWARK AREA. GOLD ALSO RECALLED THAT WHEN HE AND BLACK

WERE DISCUSSING THEIR RUSSIAN CONTACTS ASCERTAINED THAT BOTH WERE IN
CONTACT WITH SAM -- THAT BLACK AT THAT TIME SAID THAT HE KNEW SAM UNDER

HE NAME OF GEORGE. GOLD STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN THINKING ALL NIGHT
TRYING TO RECALL OTHER ASSIGNMENTS BLACK WAS ON IN CONNECTION WITH THE

SOVIET ACTIVITY BUT WAS UNABLE TO DO SO. INTERVIEW WITH BLACK HAS
SHOWN THIS TO BE JACK AND SARA WEBER OF IRVINGTON, NJ. B I

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WASHINGTON 6 BOSTON 1 FROM PHILA: 6-18-50 6.48 PM VF

DIRECTOR AND SAC DEFERRED

THOMAS L. BLACK, ESPIONAGE R. SUBJECT HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED DURING PAST WEEK DUE TO THE FACT THAT HE HAS BEEN ALLEGED TO BE A SOVIET ESPIONAGE AGENT IN THE U.S. SINCE NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE. HE IS AT THE PRESENT TIME EMPLOYED AS A CHEMIST BY THE C.W. BERG LABORATORIES, PHILA. AND IS A CONSULTING CHEMIST AND INTERESTED IN THE FORMATION OF THE SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY. SUBJECT IS PRESENTLY IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH AND IN PERSONAL CONTACT WITH PERCY H. HELIE, FIFTYTHREE HOLDEN ST., WORCESTER, MASS. HELIE IS A SALESMAN OF THE C.W. BERG LABORATORIES PHILA. AND HELIE, BLACK AND OTHERS ARE CONTEMPLATING PULLING OUT OF THE C.W. BERG LABORATORIES IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND STARTING THEIR OWN COMPANY WHICH WILL BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO., NOW OF PATTERSON, NJ. BOSTON OFFICE SHOULD CHECK ITS INDICES FOR INFO CONCERNING HELIE AND IF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION IS PRESENT, SHOULD INTERVIEW HELIE FOR HIS KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT-S BACKGROUND AND CURRENT ACTIVITIES. THE SEARCH OF SUBJECT-S RESIDENCE DISCLOSED AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO SIDNEY LEES, TWO TWO SEVEN FULLER ST., BROOKLINE, MASS. THIS ENVELOPE WAS THAT OF THE SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO. IN WHICH COMPANY HAS AN INTEREST. BOSTON SHOULD ALSO CHECK ITS INDICES AND ADVISE IF IT HAS ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING LEES.

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cc: Mr. Ladd

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WASHINGTON 7 FROM PHILA.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
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Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Gandy	✓

THOMAS L BLACK, ESPIONAGE R. PRESENT INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES THAT SUBJECT HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SOVIET ESPIONAGE SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY THREE HE IS EMPLOYED BY THE C W BERG LABORATORIES, PHILA, PA. AND WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY THE NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS CO FROM NINETEEN THIRTY THREE TO FORTY FOUR. HE CLAIMS THAT DURING THAT PERIOD OF HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH NOPCO HE BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH F BRUCE SANFORD, WHO IS NOW RESIDING AT TWO FIVE TWO NAUGHT EAST MC GRAW ST., SEATTLE TWO, WASHINGTON. SANFORD IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY US FISH AND WILD LIFE SERVICE, ALLEGEDLY IN SEATTLE. SUBJECT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE ENGAGED IN COURIER ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS TO HAVE FURNISHED INFO OF AN INDUSTRIAL NATURE TO THE SOVIET UNION DURING PERIOD OF HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH NOPCO. SEATTLE OFFICE SHOULD CHECK ITS INDICES TO DETERMINE IF ANY DEROGATORY INFO CONCERNING F BRUCE SANFORD AND IF THERE IS NO DEROGATORY INFO WILL INTERVIEW SANFORD FOR INFO CONCERNING SUBJECT-S BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITIES WHILE AT NOPCO. ALSO ASCERTAIN FROM SANFORD, SANFORD-S KNOWLEDGE OF TRAVELS AND TRIPS BLACK MADE TO VARIOUS PARTS OF COUNTRY DURING THEIR ASSOCIATION.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP-R. SUBJECT SPENT NIGHT OF SATURDAY JUNE SEVENTEENTH AT ALEXANDER HAMILTON HOTEL, PATERSON, N. J. WHERE HE SHARED ROOM WITH PERCY H. HELIE OF WORCESTER, MASS. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO REGISTERED AS EMORY RICHARDS, GLENDALE, RHODE ISLAND, ALSO IN PARTY AND HAD ROOM TO SELF. HELIE AND RICHARDS HAD ARRIVED AT SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY EARLIER IN DAY IN FORTY NINE CHRYSLER REGISTERED TO HELIE AT FIFTY THREE HOLDEN STREET, WORCESTER. BLACK AND HELIE CONVERSED IN HOTEL BAR UNTIL AFTER MIDNIGHT. ON SUNDAY AM THEY MADE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SERVICES OF A NOTARY PUBLIC THROUGH DESK CLERK, POSSIBLY TO CONCLUDE SOME BUSINESS DEAL INVOLVING SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY. BLACK, HELIE AND RICHARDS RETURNED TO SPRUCE COMPANY SUNDAY AM WHERE THEY MET JACOB FASS. HELIE AND RICHARDS DROVE AWAY AT THREE PM. BLACK PROCEEDED BY BUS TO PENNA STATION, NYC SUNDAY EVENING WHERE HE BOARDED TRAIN FOR PHILA AT EIGHT THIRTY PM EDST. DUE TO ARRIVE NORTH PHILA AT NINE FIFTY SEVEN PM EDST. PHILA OFFICE NOTIFIED.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP-R. RE PHILA TEL JUNE SEVENTEEN.

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MAE STAPLER, RIVERDALE, PASSAIC COUNTY, N. J., INTERVIEWED JUNE EIGHTEEN,

STATED SHE DID NOT KNOW ANY OF HUSBAND-S ASSOCIATES AND DENIED EVER HEARING OF BOB, JACK, OR THOMAS BLACK, SHE ALSO DENIED EVER RECEIVING ANY TELEPHONE CALLS FROM BOB OR BLACK ARRANGING MEETINGS FOR THEM WITH HER HUSBAND. AT TIME OF INTERVIEW MRS. STAPLER APPEARED EVASIVE AND WAS EMOTIONALLY UPSET. SHE STATED THAT HER HUSBAND LIVED IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE WITH SPINSTER SISTER EDITH AND CAME HOME ONLY ABOUT TWICE A MONTH ON WEEKENDS DURING ENTIRE PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT FROM THIRTY THREE TO FORTY SEVEN AT HERCULES. EDITH, WHO IS SUFFERING FROM A HEART AILMENT IS NOW REPORTED TO BE LIVING AT A QUAKER REST HOME CALLED PITTMAN MEMORIAL, WESTCHESTER, PENNA. MRS. STAPLER-S BROTHER RALPH ALSO STAYED AT THIS MEMORIAL UNTIL HIS DEATH SEVERAL YEARS AGO. WILLIAM STAPLER HAS ANOTHER SISTER, MARJORIE AYERS, WHO RESIDES WOODLAWN AVENUE, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, WITH HUSBAND STANLEY WHOM SHE CLAIMS IS A PROMINENT CITIZEN IN COMMUNITY. INTERVIEW REFLECTS THAT WILLIAM STAPLER WAS KEEPING COMPANY WITH OTHER WOMEN. MRS. STAPLER FREQUENTLY BECAME EXCITED AND STATED HER OBJECTION TO THE QUOTE PRESENT WAVE OF INVESTIGATIONS OF CHEMISTS AND SCIENTISTS SINCE THERE HAVE BEEN NO SECRETS

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SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY TWO AS THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE THEM AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE UNQUOTE. MRS. STAPLER REFUSED PERMISSION FOR THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS TO SEARCH PERSONAL EFFECTS OF DECEASED HUSBAND WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING ATTORNEY. PHILA REQUESTED TO CONSIDER INTERVIEWING EDITH STAPLER AND BALTIMORE SHOULD CONSIDER INTERVIEW WITH OTHER SISTER, MRS. MARJORIE AYERS.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, ESP-R. BOSTON OFFICE INDICES DO NOT CONTAIN
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THOMAS L. BLACK WAS. ESPIONAGE DASH R. RE PHILADELPHIA TEL JUNE EIGHT-
EEN. INQUIRY AT NOPCO CHEMICAL CO REFLECTS THAT THE ANITA BACON OF
BAY SIXTEENTH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY IS ACTUALLY ANITA BARON A FORMER
EMPLOYEE OF NOPCO WHO WAS DISCHARGED IN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT. BARON
IS NOW RESIDING THREE FIVE EIGHT WEST TWENTY NINTH STREET, NYC UNDER
HER MARRIED NAME OF MRS. DICK IMMERMEN. NEWARK INDICES REFLECT THAT
ANITA BARON AKA MRS. DICK IMMERMEN IS SUBJECT OF NEW YORK FILE ONE
HUNDRED DASH SIX NAUGHT SIX SEVEN SIX AND THAT IN MARCH, NINETEEN FORTY
NINE A SECURITY INDEX CARD WAS MAINTAINED FOR HER. RETEL INDICATES
THAT GIVAUDAU DELANANNA, THREE THREE NAUGHT WEST FORTY SECOND STREET,
NEWARK SHOULD PROBABLY BE NEW YORK CITY INASMUCH AS THERE IS NO FORTY
SECOND STREET IN NEWARK AND SINCE HER PHONE NUMBER BEARS A LACKAWANNA
PREFIX. THE ABOVE IS FOR THE INFORMATION OF NEW YORK.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESPIONAGE - R. MERCK CO. STATES THAT DEVELOP-
MENT OF PENICILLIN WAS NOT CLASSIFIED. THIRTYFIVE MM. FILM PROJECTED.
ONE REEL IS A FIFTEEN MINUTE SPEECH BY TROTSKY. THIS WAS A SOUND FILM
BUT NO THIRTYFIVE MM. SOUND PROJECTOR IS AVAILABLE. OTHER REEL DEALT
WITH BRIEF SCENES OF TROTSKY AT COYOACAN, MEXICO AND THEN SHOWS HIS
HOSPITALIZATION, DEATH AND FUNERAL. HAS APPROXIMATELY SEVENTYFIVE
THIRTYFIVE MM. SLIDES IN BLACK AND WHITE AND IN COLOR SHOWING PICTURES
OF TROTSKY. SURVEILLANCE DISCLOSED ONLY ROUTINE ACTIVITY. ANALYSIS
OF MATERIAL SEIZED UNDER CONSENT TO SEARCH NOW ABOUT COMPLETED AND
ANALYSES BEING REVIEWED FOR LEADS AND BASIS FOR FURTHER INTERVIEW.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESPIONAGE - R. REVIEW OF RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH BLACK DISCLOSED THAT BLACK STATED THAT HE WAS REQUESTED BY HIS SOVIET SUPERIORS TO APPLY FOR WORK AT CERTAIN COMPANIES AND ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT THERE WITH IDEA OF SECURING INFORMATION REGARDING PROCESSES OF THESE CONCERNS FOR INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE. BLACK STATED THAT HE NEVER APPLIED FOR WORK WITH THESE CONCERNS BUT TOLD HIS SUPERIORS THAT HE DID AND WAS REJECTED. PHILA. OFFICE DESIRES TO VERIFY BLACK-S STORY. CLAIMED HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO APPLY FOR WORK AT KELLEX CORP., A SUBSIDIARY OF THE KELLOGG CORP., NYC, DESIGNERS OF INDUSTRIAL AND OIL REFINERY EQUIPMENT, EASTMAN KODAK, ROHHESTER, N.Y., DUPONT CO., BALT., MD., AND THE MONSANTO CORP., ST. LOUIS. FOR INFO, BLACK BORN JULY FIVE, NINETEEN SEVEN AT BLOOMSBURG, PA. AND IS A CHEMIST BY PROFESSION. BLACK ATTENDED PENNA. STATE COLLEGE, NINETEEN TWENTYFIVE TO TWENTYNINE. PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED BY HOLBROOK MFG. CO. NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS CO., AMERICAN CYANAMID CO., ALL OF NEW JERSEY. EACH OFFICE SHOULD CHECK WITH COMPANY WITHIN ITS TERRITORY TO DETERMINE IF BLACK DID FILE AN APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT. SUTEL AND SUREP PHILA. ORIGIN.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP-R. RE PHILA TEL JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST. NY
INDICES NEGATIVE RE DR. GEORGE L. RABINOVICH. REFLECT MISCELLANEOUS REF-
ERENCES TO ONE DR. LEO RABINOVICH WHO PRIOR TO FORTY SEVEN WAS EMPLOYED
IN SEMI-OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS YUGOSLAV EMBASSY PHYSICIAN. IN JANUARY
FORTY SEVEN HE BECAME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AND LATER SUPPOSEDLY HAD
DEALINGS WITH DR. SLAVKO ZORE, YUGOSLAVIAN COUNSELLOR, IN PURCHASING
DRUG FOR SHIPMENT TO YUGOSLAVIA. WFO REQUEST TO FORWARD PHOTO OF DR.
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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS, ESPIONAGE DASH R. HARRY GOLD IN INTERVIEW THIS DATE WAS SHOWN A LIST OF NAMES SECURED FROM AN ADDRESS BOOK OF HIS. THE ONLY ONE OF SIGNIFICANCE TO BE IDENTIFIED BY GOLD WAS AN ENTRY AS FOLLOWS QUOTE VERA KANE, SIX NINE WALL ST., NEW YORK, N Y PARENTHESES CARE OF FRAZIER, SPEAR, KIDDER AND MEYERS PARENTHESIS QUOTE. GOLD SAID THAT HE FIRST MET VARA KANE IN SEPTEMBER OF NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE IN KANE-S APARTMENT IN GREENWICH VILLAGE, NYC. GOLD RECALLS THAT HE AGAIN SAW KANE IN NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR AND ONCE OR TWICE IN THIRTYFIVE. GOLD SAID THAT HE MET KANE THRU THOMAS L BLACK AND KANE WAS A FRIEND OF BOTH THOMAS BLACK AND FERDINAND HELLER. IT IS GOLD-S OPINION THAT KANE DID NOT CARE TOO MUCH FOR HELLER ALTHO GOLD STATED HE HAS NOTHING IN PARTICULAR ON WHICH TO BASE THIS. GOLD SAID THAT HE WENT TO KANE-S APARTMENT IN NYC IN THIRTYFIVE WITH BLACK AND THT UPON THE OCCASION OF THIS VISIT MENTION WAS MADE OF THE FACT THAT BLACK WAS SUPPLYING INFO TO THE SOVIET UNION AND THAT GOLD WAS ANXIOUS TO SUPPLY INFO. GOLD SAID THAT THE DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND PROBABLE DIFFICULTIES WHICH GOLD WOULD HAVE IN HAVING PHOTOSTAT MADE OF MATERIAL AT PENN SUGAR. GOLD SAID THAT HE RECALLS THAT KNOWN TO THE HUDSON BLUEPRINTING COMPANY, STATING THAT THIS WAS A LARGE CONCERN AND NO SUSPICION WOULD BE AROUSED BY GOLD-S HA VING PHOTOSTAT WORK DONE THERE. IT IS ALSO

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GOLD-S OPINION THAT IT WAS THROUGH KANE THAT BLACK BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH INDIVIDUALS AT AMTORG. GOLD ADDED THAT HE DOES NOT ~~KNOW~~ KNOW HOW BLACK FIRST MET KANE BUT BELIEVES BLACK HAD MET HER ~~PRIOR~~ PRIOR TO THIRTYTHREE, AND BELIEVES THAT BLACK MAY HAVE MET HER THRU FRED RELLER OR ERNIE ~~SEGESSEMAN~~ SEGESSEMAN. GOLD SAID THAT IN RECENT YEARS HE HAS ASKED BLACK ON MANY OCCASIONS IF HE EVER HEARD FROM OR SAW KANE. GOLD SAID THAT BLACK HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY EVASIVE TOWARDS SUCH QUESTIONS. GOLD SAID THAT HE HIMSELF TRIED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH KANE BEFORE HE LEFT PHILADELPHIA TO GO TO SCHOOL IN CINCINNATI IN THIRTYEIGHT, BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. HE SAID THAT HE HAS NOT SEEN KANE SINCE THIRTYFIVE. GOLD RECALLS THAT BLACK ONCE TOLD HIM, AFTER GOLD STARTED TO SUPPLY INFO TO THE SOVIETS THRU PAUL SMITH, THAT ~~GOLD~~ GOLD SHOULD NOT TALK TO KANE ABOUT IT AND SHOULD NOT LET ON TO KANE THAT GOLD WAS SEEING PAUL SMITH. GOLD RECALLS THAT ABOUT THE TIME THAT HE KNEW KANE, THAT SHE WAS LIVING IN EITHER THE CHELSEA OR CARTERET HOTEL IN NYC. RELATIVE TO THE STATEMENT PREVIOUSLY MADE BY GOLD CONCERNING THE OCASION ON WHICH GOLD AND BLACK CONSTRUCTED THE SUITCASE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ULTRAVIOLET LAMP, GOLD SAID THAT THIS DID NOT OCCUR IN KANE-S ROOM OR APARTMENT AND FURTHER THAT SHE WAS NOT LIVING AT THE CARTERET HOTEL AT THAT TIME. GOLD WILL BE QUESTIONED TOMORROW FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH KANE.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP-R. RE PHILA TEL JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST. REINTERVIEW WITH VERA KANE FAILED TO PRODUCE ANY VERIFICATION OF THE STORIES OF BLACK OR HELLER. VERA KANE DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES OF HELLER OR BLACK. KANE SAID SHE DID NOT RECALL HARRY GOLD AT ALL. SHE SAID SHE DID NOT RECALL THAT BLACK DISCUSSED WITH HER ANY OFFER TO GO TO MEXICO IN CONNECTION WITH TROTSKYITE PENETRATION BY THE COMMUNISTS. SHE SAID SHE MIGHT HAVE DONE SOME TYPING FOR BLACK OR HELLER BUT WAS CERTAIN SHE NEVER TYPED ANY NOPCO REPORTS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. KANE SAID SHE KEPT DIARIES ALMOST CONTINUOUSLY SINCE THE EARLY NINETEEN THIRTIES. THE DIARIES WERE WRITTEN IN HER OWN PECULIAR AND OBSOLETE STYLE OF SHORTHAND SHE SAID AND FURTHERMORE SHE STATED SHE WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO TURN THEM OVER BUT WOULD SEARCH THROUGH THEM TO REFRESH HER RECOLLECTION CONCERNING HELLER, BLACK, ET AL. KANE WILL BE RECONTACTED RELATIVE TO THESE DIARIES. INTERVIEW TODAY NECESSARILY BRIEF DUE TO KANE'S EMPLOYMENT IN THE LAW OFFICE. ANITA BARON SAID REQUIRES ABOUT SIXTEEN HOURS OF HER TIME DAILY. ANITA BARON IDENTIFIED AS SUBJECT OF SIMC CASE NY ORIGIN. BARON WAS BORN APRIL TWENTY ONE, NINETEEN

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TWENTY ONE, BKLYN, NY, RECEIVED BA DEGREE AT BKLYN COLLEGE NINETEEN FORTY. EMPLOYED JEWISH HOSPITAL FIVE FIVE FIVE PROSPECT PLACE, BKLYN, JULY ONE, NINETEEN FORTY TO DECEMBER THIRTY ONE, NINETEEN FORTY ONE, CUMBERLAND HOSPITAL, THIRTY NINE AUBURN PLACE, BKLYN JANUARY SIXTEEN TO JULY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY TWO. EMPLOYED NY STATE PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE JULY SIXTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY TWO TO MAY ONE, NINETEEN FORTY THREE. BARON EMPLOYED ATLANTIC OIL CO., HARRISON, NJ, NINETEEN FORTY FIVE AND LATER AT NOPCO WHERE SHE REMAINED UNTIL NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT. BARON IS PRESENTLY RESIDING THREE FIVE EIGHT WEST TWENTY NINTH ST, NYC; AND HER MARRIED NAME IS MRS. DICK ~~IMMERMAN~~. NY FILES CONTAIN INFORMATION FROM INFORMANTS INDICATING CP ACTIVITY ON PART OF BARON. [CONCERNING WM. W. STAPLER, FOLLOWING INFO SET OUT IN REPT OF SA PAUL W. HAVILAND AUGUST THIRTY, NINETEEN FORTY ONE AT BALTIMORE IN CASE ENTITLED ARNARD LABIS FELDMAN, WAS, ET AL. INVESTIGATION IN NINETEEN FORTY ONE AT DUPONT CO., WILMINGTON, DEL. REFLECTED NO CONTACT WITH ~~GAIK OVAKIMIAN~~ BUT THEIR RECORDS REVEALED THAT IN NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT AN EMPLOYEE OF DUPONT, P.K. ~~LAWRENCE~~, STATED HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL RELATIVE TO AN OFFER TO WORK IN RUSSIA, AND ALSO WAS OFFERED PAY IF HE WOULD FURNISH INFO RE DUPONT PROCESSES. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH LAWRENCE IN NINETEEN FORTY ONE HE ADMITTED KNOWING

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THIS UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL TO BE WILLIAM W. STAPLER. LAWRENCE SHIELDED THE IDENTITY OF STAPLER FROM THE DUPONT CO. APPARENTLY BECAUSE HE FEARED HURTING STAPLER'S REPUTATION. STAPLER, AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW WITH LAWRENCE IN NINETEEN FORTY, WAS EMPLOYED AT HERCULES POWDER CO. EMORY I. KARMAN, SIX FOUR WALL ST, NYC, PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH EMERY I. KARMAN, CPA, NOW LOCATED AT TWO SEVEN WILLIAM ST, NYC. NYC SEVEN SEVEN REPORTS KARMAN IS THE ACCOUNTANT FOR FINE ORGANICS, INC. NO RECORD OF KARMAN IN NY FILES. NY FILES REFLECT ROBINSON WAGNER CO., INC, ONE ONE ZERO EAST FORTY SECOND ST, NYC, AMONG LIST OF COMPANIES WHICH REMY AND CO. OF HAMBURG, GERMANY SOUGHT TO DO BUSINESS WITH. LATTER COMPANY SUSPECTED AS COVER FOR GERMAN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES IN US PRIOR TO WAR. AS OF NINETEEN FORTY THREE JOHN C. ROBINSON, PRES. AND SEC. AND ABRAM WAGNER PERSONS IN COMPANY WHO HANDLED IMPORT AND EXPORT OF CHEMICALS. GIVAUDAN DELAWANNA, INC. IDENTIFIED AS A PROMINENT PERFUME MANUFACTURER LOCATED AT THREE THREE ZERO WEST FORTY SECOND ST, NYC, TELEPHONE NO. LA-FOUR-SIX FIVE ZERO ZERO. MORRIS HELPRIN, THREE THREE ONE CENTRAL PARK WEST, UN-FOUR-SEVEN ONE TWO TWO, LISTED IN PHONE DIRECTORY. NY INDICES REFLECT ONE MORRIS HELPRIN, SEVEN TWO NINE SEVENTH AVE, NYC, WAS REGISTERED WITH STATE DEPT IN NINETEEN FORTY AS FOREIGN AGENT FOR ALEX KORDA, BRITISH FILM PRODUCER. MORRIS HELPRIN, NO ADDRESS GIVEN, WAS ON LIST OF OWI PERSONNEL IN NINETEEN FORTY THREE. NO PERTINENT INFO LOCATED IN NY FILES CONCERNING DR. EARL WILLIAM FLOSDORFF OR J. BYRON MC KINNEY. VERA KANE, HOWEVER, PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED J. BYRON MC KINNEY AS A LEFTIST SEAMAN AND LONGSHOREMAN WHOM SHE KNEW IN GREENWICH VILLAGE, NYC,

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PRIOR TO NINETEEN THIRTY AND STATED IT WAS MC KINNEY WHO FIRST INTRODUCED HER TO BLACK. SHE RECALLED SEEING A NOTATION IN THE PAPER IN THE EARLY PART OF WORLD WAR TWO THAT ONE J. B. MC KINNEY WAS REPORTED AMONG SEAMEN LOST IN THE SINKING OF AN AMERICAN VESSEL AT SEA. MR. MARVIN HENSCHELL, BUYER, SAKS FIFTH AVE, NYC, AND MRS. BABETTE HARRISON HENSCHELL, EMPLOYED ELIZABETH ARDEN, FOURTEEN EAST FIFTY FOURTH ST, NYC, WERE INTERVIEWED. THEY FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY SAME INFO AS FOLLOWS, THEY WERE REFERRED IN AUGUST NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN TO BLACK BY MRS. ABBIE ALBUS, WHOSE SON EMPLOYED BERG LABORATORIES, WHO KNEW BLACK, THEN EMPLOYED IN PHILADELPHIA, DESIRED TO GIVE UP APT. HENSCHELS CONTACTED BLACK, PAID BLACK TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR SOME FURNITURE. OCCUPIED APT UNTIL APPROXIMATELY JANUARY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY NINE. RECALLS HAVING DIFFICULTY CONTACTING BLACK AT TIME THEY DESIRED TO LEAVE. BLACK HAD OCCUPIED APT FROM NINETEEN THIRTY TWO UNTIL THEY TOOK LEASE IN NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN. BLACK RESIDED IN PHILADELPHIA AT MAJESTIC HOTEL AFTER LEAVING NEWARK ADDRESS. BLACK HAD UNLISTED TELEPHONE IN APT WHICH WAS DISCONTINUED WHEN HENSCHELS TOOK OVER. BLACK HAD USUAL ASSORTMENT OF THERMOMETERS, ETC. WHICH A SCIENTIST MIGHT BE

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EXPECTED TO HAVE. THEY KNEW NOTHING PERTAINING TO ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY. SAW BLACK ONLY ABOUT THREE TIMES DURING RESIDENCE IN APT. COULD RECALL NO ONE ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT HIM AT NEWARK APT. HAD SMALL AMOUNT OF MAIL FOR HIM WHICH THEY RECALL WAS MOSTLY OF A SCIENTIFIC NATURE, SUCH AS PAMPHLETS ON RESEARCH AND INDUSTRIAL MATTERS. MRS. HENSCHEL RECALLS FINDING STRIP OF FILMS ABOUT SEVEN OR EIGHT INCHES IN LENGTH IN METAL CONTAINER LEFT IN LARGE BUSINESS DESK THEY BOUGHT. ADVISED SHE MAY STILL HAVE FILM AND WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE SAME. SEYMOUR KOPPEN FASS, THREE SIX SEVEN MILLER AVE, BKLYN, INTERVIEWED JUNE NINETEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY AT S. RODMAN SONS, JEWELERS, FIVE EIGHT ZERO FIFTH AVENUE, NYC, WHERE HE IS EMPLOYED AS SHIPPING AND OFFICE CLERK. SEYMOUR FASS, AGE TWENTY SIX, STATED HE HAS KNOWN THOMAS L. BLACK SINCE HE, FASS, WAS YOUNG BOY, THAT BLACK IS CLOSE FRIEND OF HIS BROTHER, JACOB FASS, AND FREQUENTLY VISITS FASS HOME IN BKLYN. ACCORDING TO SEYMOUR, BLACK CONTRIBUTED MONEY TO HELP FORM SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO. AND HAS DONE WORK FOR COMPANY BUT EXACT DETAILS OF BLACK-S CONNECTIONS WITH COMPANY UNKNOWN TO SEYMOUR. SEYMOUR STATED HE KNOWS BLACK TO BE EX-MEMBER OF CP WHO BROKE WITH PARTY ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY THREE BECAUSE HE FELT IT COULD HAVE DONE MORE TO PREVENT HITLER-S

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RISE TO POWER IN GERMANY AND SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY THREE BLACK MAY HAVE JOINED TROTSKYVITES. SEYMOUR UNABLE TO RECALL WHETHER BLACK OR HIS BROTHER, JACOB FASS, TOLD HIM THIS. SEYMOUR STATED BLACK HAS EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO STALIN AND PRESENT LEADERSHIP AND POLICIES OF CP BUT IS "LEFTIST" IN HIS THINKING IN THAT HE IS OPPOSED TO CAPITALISM AND BELIEVES COMMUNIST IDEALOGY WOULD MAKE A BETTER WORLD. SEYMOUR STATED HE BASED THIS UPON POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS HE HAS HAD WITH BLACK. SEYMOUR HAS HEARD EITHER HIS BROTHER, JACOB, OR BLACK MENTION HARRY GOLD AS BEING A FRIEND OF BLACK, BUT HE HAS NEVER MET GOLD AND KNOWS NOTHING ELSE ABOUT HIM. SEYMOUR DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES OF BLACK. ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT EDNA RINGER, THREE THREE ONE WEST SEVENTY FIRST ST, NYC, NEGATIVE. SHE WILL BE INTERVIEWED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. INTERVIEW WITH BERNARD PIDTO CONSIDERED INADVISABLE AT PRESENT TIME AS PIDTO IS NOW CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, TREASURER OF ULSTER CHEMICAL CO, CLIFFWOOD, NJ AND FOUR TWO ZERO LEXINGTON, AVE, NYC. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PIDTO MAY BE INTERVIEWED AT CONSIDERABLE LENGTH IN NEAR FUTURE REGARDING ACTIVITIES OF BROTHMAN AT WHICH TIME HE WILL BE QUESTIONED AS TO HIS KNOWLEDGE OF BLACK.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO THE DIRECTOR

DATE: June 19, 1950

FROM MR. LADD

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

There is attached a memorandum to the Attorney General requesting the Department's views as to what further action should be taken with respect to Thomas L. Black in view of their ruling that insufficient evidence was available on which to initiate prosecutive action against Black, and their recommendation that the interviews which had been conducted on June 15 and 16, 1950, should be terminated in order that any admissions made by Black would be thereafter admissible.

It is believed that the thought McInerney, Whearty and Kneip had in mind when they recommended discontinuance of the interview with Black on June 16, 1960, was that, through such discontinuance, any subsequent claim by Black or his attorney that he was in custody during the questioning would be nullified because his return to his home and the cessation of the interview would clearly reflect that he was not in custody and any statements made by him were made voluntarily and not as a result of his being in custody, technically or otherwise.

At 8:30 PM on June 16, 1950, the Philadelphia Office was telephonically instructed to discontinue the interview with Black. The interview was discontinued at approximately 7:00 PM on June 16, 1950, and Black was placed under surveillance at once. It is noted that by teletype dated June 17, 1950, the Philadelphia Office referred to information obtained from Black. This information was furnished by Black prior to the discontinuance of the interview on June 16th.

It might be noted that Black called the Newark Office at 1:45 AM on June 17, 1950, at which time he stated he did not desire to be picked up for interview on Monday morning by the Philadelphia Agents, and that he wished to come to the Philadelphia Office at his convenience during the early part of the week in that he had obligations to his job and that he wanted to be rested so that he could think clearly in the interest of truth and be able to organize his thoughts. He stated he desired to be interviewed further and wished to make corrections and additions to previous statements and also to make statements regarding things which he previously had not mentioned but which had come to his mind since the interview was terminated.

RECOMMENDATION

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There is attached a memorandum to the Attorney General requesting the Department's views as to what further action should be taken with respect to Black. It is recommended that if Black voluntarily contacts our Philadelphia Office and wishes to be again interviewed that we accept any further information which he has to offer.

Attachment

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I would like sometime to have
Dale's clarifications re reversing
statement already initiated.

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TO : MR. LADD

DATE: June 16, 1950

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
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On the morning of June 16, 1950, Mr. Ladd, Supervisor Lamphere and Mr. Belmont consulted with Mr. James McInerney, Mr. Raymond P. Whearty and Mr. George Kneip, of the Department, relative to the case of Thomas L. Black. The memorandum to the Attorney General, setting forth available information concerning Black, dated June 16, 1950, was furnished to Mr. McInerney. All three Department representatives studied the information contained in the memorandum to the Attorney General. They were all in agreement that there was insufficient information at this point to file charges against Black for violation of the Espionage Statute, inasmuch as in their opinion Black as yet has not admitted intent, nor espionage activities, particularly of a nature that would come within the wartime Espionage Statute. They were likewise of the opinion that the concealment from authorities by Black of his knowledge that Gold was the American contact with Fuchs was insufficient to enable successful prosecution for misprision of a felony. They based their opinion on the fact that previous court decisions have held that an affirmative act on the part of the defendant is necessary showing concealment of evidence and that the mere concealment of knowledge is insufficient to stand up under the Statute.

Mr. McInerney, et al, were advised that we started questioning Black on the morning of June 15, and continued our questioning until the night of June 15, at which time Black, in writing, expressed the desire to remain with Agents of the Bureau until he had furnished all information in his possession. As a consequence, Black stayed at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia last night in the company of Agents. They were informed that Agents are continuing the interview with Black in the Philadelphia Office this morning.

Mr. McInerney was asked whether the Department would consider it advisable to file charges against Black if he should furnish additional information today which, in effect, constituted an admission on his part of espionage activities which would not be barred by the Statute of Limitations. All three Department representatives were of the opinion that even though Black has remained voluntarily with the Agents, the period of time since Agents first started to question him would mitigate against the admissibility of any statement he might make at this time. They advised, however, that should Black give a statement, admitting espionage activities, this statement would be admissible if Black were released for a period after the statement was given and charges placed against him subsequent to his release. They suggested that the questioning continue as long as Black voluntarily desired to give information, at least for today. They further suggested that it would be desirable to cease the questioning, perhaps tonight, and resume questioning on a voluntary basis on Monday morning. They were of the opinion that any statement Black might give yesterday, today or when the questioning is resumed, would thus be admissible.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

In view of the above opinion by the Department, it is recommended that the Philadelphia Office continue the interview with Black today, as long as he is agreeable and that the questioning cease tonight and Black be invited back to the office on Monday morning, June 19. In the event you agree, the Philadelphia Office will be advised to adopt this course. In such event, a physical surveillance will be maintained, over the week-end, of Black.

Instructions have been given to the Philadelphia Office to interview Ferdinand Heller, who, you will recall, was associated with Black and who very probably will be in a position to furnish information concerning Black's activities. Instructions have also been given to the Philadelphia Office to fully explore every investigative lead concerning Black and to handle such leads with other offices by telephone or teletype for immediate attention.

In the event you agree with the above procedure, please advise.

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In view of confusing & conflicting
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ing of Black at once. Submit
matter in writing to Dept & get
written reply. It looks like
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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS, ESP-R. RE PHILA TEL THIS DATE. EUGENE R. SMALLEY, ONE TWO NAUGHT FOUR ELM AVE., W. COLLINGSWOOD, N. J., WHO IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AS A CHEMICAL CONSULTANT BY FIELD WHITE MFG. CO., ONE FOUR NAUGHT FIVE FOX BLDG., PHILA., PA., WHERE HE MAY BE CONTACTED FROM NINE AM TO FOUR PM WEEK-DAYS, ADVISED THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED AS A TECHNICAL FIELD REPRESENTATIVE OF NEWPORT INDUSTRIES, TWO THREE NAUGHT PARK AVE, NYC, FROM SEPT. FORTYEIGHT TO JUNE FIFTY AND THAT HE FIRST MET THOMAS L. BLACK APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO IN PHILA, PA. WHEN BLACK CONTACTED HIM RELATIVE TO AN IDEA BLACK HAD DEVELOPED ON THE PRODUCTION OF TALL OIL ESTER. SMALLEY EXAMINED MERITS OF IDEA AND DIRECTED BLACK TO HIS SUPERIOR, MR. EDWARD COLLETON OF NEWPORT INDUSTRIES WHO NEGOTIATED WITH BLACK RELATIVE TO PURCHASE OF IDEA UNTIL ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO. COLLETON WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY OIL PRODUCTS CO, HARRISON, N. J. WITH BLACK. SMALLEY STATED THAT HE, SMALLEY, HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH BLACK ON AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT TWO TIMES PER MONTH AND HAD FREQUENTLY MET JOSEPH MULLEN AND JACK FASS WHO ARE ASSOCIATED WITH BLACK IN SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO., FORMERLY LOCATED IN PHILA., NOW IN PATTERSON, N. J. ADVISED THAT HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT FASS HAD ASSISTED BLACK IN DEVELOPMENT OF IDEA ON PRODUCTION OF TALL OIL ESTER. BLACK TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SMALLEY LAST WEEK AND ADVISED HIM THAT HE HAD BEEN QUESTIONED BY THE FBI. STATED THAT QUESTIONING WAS A RESULT OF HIS BEING A FRIEND OF HARRY

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GOLD AND STATED THAT GOLD HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN SECURING HIS PRESENT POSITION AS A CONSULTING ENGINEER WITH CHARLES W. BERG, CO., NORTH FIFTH ST., PHILA. ALSO ADVISED THAT HE HAD GIVEN GOLDS ADDRESS AS HIS ADDRESS AT HIS PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT WHEN HE MOVED TO HIS PRESENT ADDRESS IN ORDER THAT BERG WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CONTACT HIM AT NIGHT OR ON WEEK-ENDS. SMALLEY COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION RELATIVE TO BLACK-S BACKGROUND. STATED THAT HE WAS OF OPINION THAT ALL HIS ACTIVITY IS MOTIVATED BY HIS INTEREST IN CHEMISTRY, THAT HE NEVER HEARD HIM MENTION GOLD UNTIL LAST WEEK AND HAD NEVER HAD ANY REASON TO BELIEVE HE WAS INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE OF VALUE TO ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF A FOREIGN POWER AND HAD NEVER HAD ANY REASON TO DOUBT HIS LOYALTY TO THE U. S. SMALLEY GRADUATED FROM DUNELLEN, N. J. HIGH SCHOOL, NINETEEN FORTY AND UNIV. OF N. Y. IN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT. ADVISED THAT BLACK HAD IN DEC. FORTYNINE ASKED HIM TO BECOME A MEMBER OF FRANKLIN INSTITUTE, PHILA, PA. AND HAD POINTED OUT THAT MEMBERSHIP WOULD GIVE HIM ACCESS TO TECHNICAL LIBRARY OF THE INSTITUTE. SMALLEY DID NOT BECOME A MEMBER.

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cc: Mr. Belmont
Mr. Sampson

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TO : MR. LADD

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FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT:

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At 9:05 am on June 20, 1950, Special Agent Harzenstein called from Philadelphia to advise that it was very probable that Black would contact the Philadelphia Office and express his desire to have the interview by Agents continue at the Philadelphia Office. In view of Bureau instructions that any further interview with Black be first cleared with the Bureau, Mr. Harzenstein wanted to know whether the interview should be continued in the event Black comes to the office or expresses the desire to continue the interview.

Mr. Harzenstein was advised that if Black contacts the Philadelphia Office and wants to furnish additional information, the Agents of the Philadelphia Office should receive the information and continue the interview, inasmuch as we could not be placed in the position of refusing to take information from Black.

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS PHILADELPHIA AND WASHINGTON FIELD... U R G E N T
 THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESPIONAGE, R. RE NEWARK TEL JUNE NINETEEN
 CLIFFORD L. HEVENOR, CHEMIST, ENDICOTT JOHNSON SHOE CORP., ENDICOTT, NY,
 SAYS HE FIRST MET BLACK AT PENN STATE COLLEGE, STATE COLLEGE, PA.,
 AROUND NINETEEN TWENTYSEVEN. HEVENOR GRADUATED FROM PENN STATE NINETEEN
 THIRTY BUT BELIEVED BLACK NEVER GRADUATED. BLACK-S MOTHER DIED WHEN HE
 WAS ABOUT TWO YEARS OLD, HIS FATHER WAS A PROFESSOR AT BLOOMSBURG STATE
 TEACHERS COLLEGE, BLOOMSBURG, PA. AND DIED ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYONE.
 DURING COLLEGE CAREER AT PENN STATE BLACK WAS DISCIPLINED SEVERAL TIMES,
 CHANGED HIS COURSES SEVERAL TIMES. ON ONE OCCASION BLACK POURED BENZENE
 ON DORMITORY FLOOR AND SET FIRE TO IT. ON ANOTHER BLACK TOOK MORPHINE
 SULPHATE AND SLEPT FOR SEVERAL HOURS. DEAN WARNOCK, PENN STATE COLLEGE,
 WAS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH BLACK. HEVENOR SAID THAT AT COLLEGE BLACK ALSO
 TALKED ABOUT THE REVOLUTION THAT WAS COMING AND THERE WAS A STRUGGLE
 COMING BETWEEN THE COMMON PEOPLE AND CAPITAL. BLACK TOLD HEVENOR THAT
 HE WANTED HIM TO BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE. BLACK WENT TO WORK WITH AMERICAN
 CYANAMID CO., NEW JERSEY, FROM NINETEEN TWENTYNINE TO THIRTY, THEN
 HOLBROOK SOAP COMPANY, JERSEY CITY, THEN WITH NATIONAL OIL COMPANY,
 HARRISON, NEW JERSEY. IN MARCH, THIRTYONE HEVENOR MET BLACK AGAIN IN
 NEW JERSEY WHEN HEVENOR WENT TO WORK WITH NATIONAL OIL COMPANY.

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HEVENOR LIVED WITH BLACK AT YMCA, BERGEN AVENUE, JERSEY CITY, FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS, THEN TOOK APARTMENT WITH BLACK AT MAYFLOWER APARTMENTS, SIP AVENUE, JERSEY CITY, THEN HAD AN APARTMENT WITH BLACK AND SEGESSEMAN, THE EARL HOTEL, JERSEY CITY, AND LATER ON CORBIN AVENUE, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN HEVENOR HAS ONLY SEEN BLACK SEVERAL TIMES ON THE STREET AND HAS HAD NO OTHER CONTACT WITH HIM. HEVENOR SAYS THAT SEGESSEMAN AND BLACK WENT TO COMMUNIST MEETINGS IN DOWNTOWN NEW YORK AND THAT HE WENT WITH BLACK ON ONE OCCASION, TO A SOCIAL GATHERING WHERE *THEY SANG the International.*

BLACK ALSO ATTENDED MEETINGS OF THE

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF ATHEISM AT THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS TEMPLE, SEVENTY SECOND STREET, NY. SEGESSEMAN AND BLACK STUDIED RUSSIAN LANGUAGE TOGETHER IN JERSEY CITY. BLACK DRANK CONSIDERABLY AND WAS OPPOSED TO MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN. HE CLAIMED THAT THIS WAS AN AWFUL WORLD TO BRING CHILDREN INTO. HEVENOR HEARD THAT BLACK LEFT NATIONAL OIL COMPANY RATHER SUDDENLY IN NINETEEN FORTY OR FORTYONE. BLACK ALSO EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO GO TO RUSSIA. HEVENOR DID NOT KNOW ANY OF BLACK'S CONTACTS IN NY. IN NINETEEN THIRTY TWO OR THIRTY THREE, BLACK WAS GOING TO GO INTO THE SOAP MANUFACTURING BUSINESS WITH AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS GOLDBERG OR GOLDSTEIN. HEVENOR DOES NOT REMEMBER THE EXACT NAME. THE
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PROJECT APPARENTLY FELL THROUGH. HEVENOR DOES NOT RECALL HARRY GOLD.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, ESPIONAGE, R. REMYTEL JUNE EIGHTEEN. MRS. ETHEL MAE

STAPLER THIS DATE THROUGH HER ATTORNEY MADE AVAILABLE SOME PERSONAL EFFECTS OF DECEASED HUSBAND. REVIEW OF MATERIAL UNPRODUCTIVE. MRS. STAPLER REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND FEELING PERSISTS SHE MAY BE WITHHOLDING INFORMATION. REQUEST PHILA. AND BALTIMORE TO FURNISH ALL INFORMATION OBTAINED AS RESULT OF INTERVIEW WITH WILLIAM STAPLER'S SISTERS. PHILA. REQUESTED AT TIME OF REINTERVIEW WITH BLACK TO CONSIDER QUESTIONING HIM FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES OF WILLIAM STAPLER WHICH MAY BE USEFUL IN REINTERVIEW OF ETHEL MAE STAPLER.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP - R. INQUIRY OF PHYSICIAN AND SUPT. OF FRIENDS BOARDING HOME, AKA HICKMAN HOME, WESTCHESTER, PENNA, INDICATES INTERVIEW OF EDITH STAPLER, SISTER OF WILLIAM STAPLER, BELIEVED NOT DETRIMENTAL TO HEALTH. UACB, INTERVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED BY TWO AGENTS, PHILA OFFICE, JUNE TWENTYONE.

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FERDINAND PHILIP HELLER, WA., ESP - R. PHILA REQUESTED TO FORWARD PHOTOS OF HELLER FOR EXHIBITION TO INFORMANTS. JOHN L. WAS MENTIONED BY VERA KANE IN A PREVIOUS INTERVIEW AS THE NICKNAME FOR BROTHER OF CHARLES FRIEFIELD WHO BLACK TOOK INTO HIS APARTMENT IN NEWARK SOMETIME PRIOR TO NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT. JOHN L. OR CHARLES FRIEFIELD ALLEGEDLY INTRODUCED BLACK TO A TROTSKYITE GROUP. EFFORTS TO LOCATE FRANCES KAPLAN AKA MISS ACNES FOR INFORMATION SET OUT IN PHILA LET APRIL TWENTY FIVE LAST HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE TO DATE. CHECK WAS MADE OF INFORMANTS AND OF MARRIAGE RECORDS IN NYC. REGARDING REINTERVIEW OF VERA KANE AT THIS TIME FOLLOWING IS NOTED: IN INTERVIEWS THUS FAR SHE HAS BEEN EVASIVE AND HAS DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED BY BLACK HELLER AND GOLD. THEREFORE IT IS BELIEVED THAT FURTHER INTERVIEWS WITH HER SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING RECEIPT OF ALL INFO ABOUT HER WHICH MIGHT BE OBTAINED FROM ALL PERSONS BEING INTERVIEWED IN INSTANT CASE INCLUDING BLACK, GOLD AND HELLER. WHEN SUCH INFO IS RECEIVED IT IS CONTEMPLATED SHE WILL BE INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH IN AN EFFORT TO STRAIGHTEN OUT ALL THE DISCREPANCIES IN HER STORY AND TO GET HER TO TELL THE COMPLETE TRUTH OF HER KNOWLEDGE OF SOVIET ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES.

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DIRECTOR AND SACS NEWARK AND NEW YORK

THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS, ESPIONAGE DASH R. AT NINE FORTYTHREE THIS AM
SUBJECT CALLED PHILADELPHIA OFFICE REQUESTING INTERVIEW. CAME VOLUN-
TARILY TO OFFICE AND INTERVIEW STARTED TEN FORTYTWO AM. RECESSED
FROM TWELVE SEVENTEEN PM TO ONE EIGHT PM FOR LUNCH AND TERMINATED AT
FOUR TEN PM. PRACTICALLY ALL OF INTERVIEW CONSISTED OF BLACK-S GIV-
ING DETAILED STORY OF HIS ACTIVITIES BEGINNING WITH COLLEGE DAYS IN
NINETEEN TWENTYNINE. TODAY-S INTERVIEW TOOK STORY TO END OF THIRTY-
SEVEN. ALL OF ~~BLACK~~ BLACK-S STORY TRANSCRIBED BY STENOTYPE OPERATOR.
ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO CONTINUE INTERVIEW BEGINNING SIX THIRTY PM WEDNES-
DAY, JUNE TWENTYONE. COPY OF TRANSCRIPT WHEN COMPLETED WILL BE SENT TO
BUREAU. ORIGINAL WILL BE EXHIBITED TO BLACK FOR HIS SIGNATURE ON EACH
PAGE. IN GENERAL, DURING INTERVIEW, BLACK STOOD BY HIS ORIGINAL STORY
THAT HE WAS A RELUCTANT AGENT OF SOVIETS, BUT HAS FURNISHED APPARENTLY
COMPLETE DETAILS AS TO HIS ACTIVITIES. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF INFOR-
MATION FURNISHED TO DATE. BLACK ADMITTED FORMING AN ANTI-RELIGIOUS CLUB
NINETEEN TWENTYNINE AT PENN STATE COLLEGE, KNOWN AS THE LIBERAL CLUB.
THEY HAD SECURED A CHARTER FROM THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE AD-
VANCEMENT OF ATHEISM. CLUB ACTUALLY FORMED BY FERDINAND P. HELLER
AND SUBJECT. HOWEVER, WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL AND FOLDED. WHEN IN NEW
YORK AREA, USED TO GO TO HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ATHEISM AND PURCHASE LITERATURE. THERE AT-
TENDED A FORUM SPONSORED BY IT AND BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH SOME

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COMMUNISTS WHO CAME TO THE FORUM TO EXPRESS THEIR ECONOMIC VIEWS.
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~~ONE-XXX~~ BECAME INTERESTED IN COMMUNISM. HE JOINED THE CP AND THE
FRIENDS OF THE SOVIET UNION IN THIRTYONE IN NYC. WAS FIRST A MEMBER
OF SECTION TWO, UNIT TWO B. USED HIS TRUE NAME IN CP MEMBERSHIP. WAS
LATER TRANSFERRED TO DISTRICT FOURTEEN OF CP, THE NEW JERSEY DISTRICT,
AND WAS A MEMBER OF UNIT THREE, JERSEY CITY. IN THIRTYONE IN NEW YORK
MET M. MARGOLIN. MARGOLIN WAS A COMMUNIST EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF
NEW YORK. MARGOLIN ASKED BLACK FOR IDENTITY OF ALL ACQUAINTANCES WHO
WERE CHEMISTS IN HIGH POSITIONS AND WERE SYMPATHETIC TO THE SOVIET
UNION. BLACK COULD ONLY RECALL ONE DR. LOUIS CHRISTMAN, WHO WAS THEN
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH FOR THE AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY, WHO WAS RE-
~~XXX-XXXX~~ PORTED TO BE A RADICAL. BLACK WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH
CHRISTMAN, BUT MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAN TO MEET MARGOLIN AT
BLACK-S APARTMENT. THE MEETING BETWEEN MARGOLIN AND CHRISTMAN TOOK
PLACE, AT WHICH TIME CHRISTMAN WANTED TO TALK POLITICS, BUT MARGOLIN
PREFERRED TO KEEP IT ON A SOCIAL LEVEL. MARGOLIN AND CHRISTMAN DE-
PARTED BLACK-S APARTMENT TOGETHER. BLACK SUSPECTS MARGOLIN INVOLVED
IN SOVIET ESPIONAGE AND USED HIM TO MAKE THE MEET WITH CHRISTMAN. IN
THIRTYTWO, BLACK, THRU J. BYRON MC KINNEY, MET VERA KANE, WHO WAS
EMPLOYED BY A FIRM OF WALL STREET ATTORNEYS, FRAZIER, MEYER AND
KIDDER. BLACK INTRODUCED HELLER TO VERA KANE. IN THIRTYTHREE, HELLER
AND BLACK BECAME INTERESTED IN GOING TO THE SOVIET UNION TO SECURE
EMPLOYMENT. HELLER WENT TO AMTORG AND LATER TOOK BLACK TO MEET
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OVAKIMIAN AT AMTORG. OVAKIMIAN IN DISCUSSING THEIR SECURING EMPLOYMENT IN THE SU, SUGGESTED THAT THEY DEMONSTRATE THEIR ABILITY AS CHEMISTS

AND SHOW HIM THE TYPE OF WORK THAT THEY WERE WORKING ON AT THEIR CURRENT EMPLOYMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, BLACK ADMITTED SECURING THE DESCRIPTION OF PROCESSES THAT WERE AVAILABLE TO HIM AT THE NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS COMPANY NOPCO. BLACK WOULD FURNISH TO HELLER, WHO AT THAT TIME WAS UNEMPLOYED, THE FORMULA, THE PROCEDURE FOR MIXING, AND THE SALES LITERATURE DEMONSTRATING THE USE OF THE MATERIAL AND A SAMPLE OF THE PARTICULAR MATERIAL. HELLER WOULD WRITE A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT FROM BLACK'S NOTES AND THE FINAL REPORT WOULD BE TYPED BY VERA KANE. BLACK AND HELLER WOULD THEN TURN THE FINISHED PRODUCT OVER TO OVAKIMIAN EITHER AT AMTORG OR AT SOME PREARRANGED RESTAURANT OR MEETING PLACE. BLACK ADMITS THAT HE MET OVAKIMIAN ABOUT TWELVE TIMES AND THAT HELLER MET HIM ABOUT NINE TIMES. OVAKIMIAN BECAME IMPATIENT AS THE PREPARING OF THESE REPORTS WAS TIME-CONSUMING, AND CAME TO VERA KANE'S APARTMENT ONE NIGHT WHILE KANE, HELLER AND BLACK WERE PRESENT AND TOOK ALL OF THE MATERIAL THAT BLACK HAD SECURED FROM NOPCO, STATING THAT IT WAS TAKING THEM TOO LONG, AND THAT THE SOVIETS HAD COMPETENT CHEMISTS WHO WOULD ~~BE~~ BE ABLE TO PREPARE THE REPORT. OVAKIMIAN KEPT THIS MATERIAL FOR TWO WEEKS AND THEN RETURNED IT. BLACK BELIEVES THAT OVAKIMIAN HAD THE MATERIAL PHOTOGRAPHED. MEANWHILE,

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OVAKIMIAN EVADED QUESTION OF EMPLOYMENT IN RUSSIA. AT THIS TIME, KANE AND HELLER BECAME ESTRANGED, HELLER BEGAN DRINKING HEAVILY AND LOST INTEREST IN THE RUSSIAN JOB. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION BY OVAKIMIAN ABOUT HELLER, BLACK SAID HE FELT HELLER TO BE EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE AND OVAKIMIAN SAID SUCH A PERSON WAS NOT DESIRABLE FOR THEIR PURPOSES. DURING THIS PERIOD, BLACK USUALLY MADE CONTACT WITH OVAKIMIAN THROUGH VERA KANE, AT WHOSE APARTMENT OVAKIMIAN WOULD LEAVE MESSAGES. IN THIRTYFOUR OVAKIMIAN TURNED BLACK OVER TO PAUL PETERSEN. PETERSEN APPROVED BLACK'S SEVERING RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST PARTY AND TOLD HIM TO STOP READING ALL COMMUNIST LITERATURE. PETERSEN ALSO EVADED QUESTIONS ON JOB IN RUSSIA AND SUGGESTED THAT BLACK

COULD FILL SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS HAVING TO DO WITH CHEMISTRY. AS AN EXAMPLE, HE ASKED FOR A DEMULSIFIER OF PETROLEUM EMULSIONS. BLACK FURNISHED A REPORT ON THIS FROM LIBRARY RESEARCH AND REFUSED PAYMENT FOR IT. PRIOR TO THE TIME HELLER LOST INTEREST, HE HAD SUGGESTED TO BLACK THAT THE PENNSYLVANIA SUGAR COMPANY HAD A NUMBER OF PROCESSES IN WHICH THE SOVIETS MIGHT BE INTERESTED AND THAT SECURING THESE PROCESSES MIGHT HELP IN THEIR CAMPAIGN TO GET RUSSIAN EMPLOYMENT. IN THIRTYFOUR, HELLER, THEREFORE, SUGGESTED THAT HARRY GOLD, WHO WAS AGAIN EMPLOYED AT PENN SUGAR, MIGHT BE ABLE TO FURNISH THIS INFORMATION. HELLER CONTACTED GOLD, WHO SHOWED AN INTEREST. GOLD THEN CAME TO NEW YORK, WHERE BLACK MET HIM. HELLER WAS NOT ~~ON~~ PRESENT HAVING BY THIS TIME DROPPED OUT OF THE SCHEME. BLACK INTRODUCED HARRY GOLD TO

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PETERSEN AND DOES NOT THINK THAT GOLD EVER MET OVAKIMIAN. PRIOR TO THE INTRODUCTION OF GOLD, BLACK SUBMITTED A ~~BLACK~~ BACKGROUND SKETCH OF GOLD TO PETERSEN. BLACK SAID AT THIS POINT EVENTS TOOK PLACE RATHER RAPIDLY AND THAT THE CHANGE FROM OVAKIMIAN TO PETERSEN AS THE CONTACT, BLACK-S INTRODUCTION TO PETERSEN AND HARRY GOLD-S INTRODUCTION TO PETERSEN ALL TOOK PLACE WITHIN A VERY SHORT PERIOD. AT THE ORIGINAL MEETING BETWEEN PETERSEN AND GOLD, THESE TWO MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LATER CONTACTS. SHORTLY AFTER BLACK INTRODUCED GOLD TO PETERSEN, PETERSEN INSTRUCTED BLACK TO CEASE HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH GOLD. BLACK IS OF OPINION THAT HE INTRODUCED PETERSEN TO GOLD BY THAT NAME, AND THAT LATER IN DISCUSSING THE MEETING BLACK ALSO REFERRED TO HIM AS PAUL PETERSEN. EARLY IN HIS CONTACT WITH BLACK, PETERSEN DISCUSSED PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND LEFT NO DOUBT IN BLACK-S MIND THAT HE EXPECTED BLACK TO ENGAGE IN ESPIONAGE WORK FOR THE SU. SINCE BLACK HAD REFUSED CASH PAYMENTS, PETERSEN OFFERED TO PAY HIS EXPENSES AND TO MAKE GIFTS. PETERSEN GAVE HIM, PROBABLY AT THE SUGGESTION OF HARRY GOLD, A SET OF QUOTE THE CHEMISTRY AND TECHNOLOGY OF OIL, FATS AND WAXES UNQUOTE, A STANDARD CHEMICAL PUBLICATION, PUBLISHED BY THE MAC MILLAN CO. A SIMILAR SET WAS GIVEN TO GOLD BY PETERSEN. PETERSEN ALSO SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BLACK TO SUBMIT BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES ON FIVE PEOPLE. THESE WERE BLACK HIMSELF, FRED P. X HELLER, DR. CARL T. STEIK, RUSSIAN-BORN DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AT INOPCO,

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VERA KANE AND ERNEST SEGESSEMAN. THERE THEN FOLLOWED A PERIOD WHEN PETERSEN APPLIED STRONG PRESSURE ON BLACK TO PRODUCE RESULTS, ACCOMPANYING THIS PRESSURE WITH THREATS, FIRST VEILED AND THEN OPEN, OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE. TO SATISFY PETERSEN, BLACK SAYS HE SUBMITTED A SERIES OF REPORTS ON VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES. HE CLAIMS THAT HE SECURED THESE FROM PUBLISHED PAMPHLETS PUT OUT BY VARIOUS COMPANIES. IN EACH CASE, HE USED THE NAME ~~XXXX~~ OF THE AUTHOR OF THE PAMPHLET AS HIS INFORMANT AND INVENTED NAMES AND BACKGROUNDS OF PERSONS WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE INTRODUCED BLACK TO THE INFORMANT. THESE TOOK CONSIDERABLE PREPARATION AND ONLY RESULTED IN DEMANDS FROM PETERSEN FOR A GREATER VOLUME OF REPORTS. ABOUT THIRTY-SEVEN IN A CONVERSATION WITH PETERSEN, BLACK MADE A PASSING REFERENCE TO THE TROTSKYITES. AT THEIR NEXT MEETING, PETERSEN SUGGESTED THAT BLACK JOIN THE TROTSKYITE MOVEMENT AND INFORM HIM OF THE TROTSKYITE ACTIVITIES. PETERSEN GAVE HIM THE NAMES OF THE LEADERS IN THE NEWARK AREA AND ~~STATED~~ SOME INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO GO ABOUT JOINING. BLACK ALREADY KNEW THAT A SHOE CLERK NAMED IRVING ROSENBERG WAS A TROTSKYITE, ~~WAS~~ AND THRU HIM BLACK BECAME A MEMBER. HE NOW ADMITS THAT HIS PURPOSE IN JOINING WAS PARTLY CONVICTION, BUT MOSTLY TO FOLLOW PETERSEN-S INSTRUCTIONS AND TO GET OUT OF INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE. PETERSEN ASSIGNED BLACK THE TASK OF SECURING INFORMATION ABOUT JACK AND

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SARA WEBER, TWO LEADING FIGURES IN THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY IN NEWARK. BY SPOTTING WEBER-S AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION NUMBER AND CHECKING WITH THE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES, BLACK LEARNED WEBER-S CORRECT NAME AND ADDRESS AND WHEN HE REPORTED IT, WAS TOLD BY PETERSEN THAT THAT INFORMATION HAD BEEN IN HIS HANDS FOR WEEKS AND HE ONLY HAD WANTED TO KNOW IF BLACK WAS REALLY TRYING TO SECURE INFORMATION. PETERSEN THEN DEMANDED THE NAME, ADDRESS, EMPLOYER AND POLITICAL OPINION OF EVERY TROTSKYITE MEMBER IN THE NEWARK BRANCH. BLACK PERSUADED HIM THAT ONLY THE LEADERS WERE IMPORTANT AND THAT TO SECURE THIS INFORMATION ABOUT THE RANK AND FILE MEMBERS WOULD BE A WASTE OF TIME. THIS HE CLAIMS WAS AN EVASION BECAUSE OF HIS RELUCTANCE TO FURNISH PETERSEN INFORMATION OR COMPLETE HIS ASSIGNMENTS. HE DID, HOWEVER, GIVE PETERSEN BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES ON JACK AND SARAH WEBER, GEORGE BREITMAN AND IRVING ROSENBERG, THE LEADERS OF THE TROTSKYITES IN NEWARK. HE CLAIMS THAT THESE PEOPLE HAD ALREADY EXPOSED THEMSELVES BY BEING KNOWN AS TROTSKYITE LEADERS AND THAT THE INFORMATION WAS OF DOUBTFUL VALUE TO PETERSEN. FOLLOWING THIS TIME, PETERSEN INSTRUCTED BLACK TO DEVOTE HIMSELF TO RISING IN THE TROTSKYITE MOVEMENT AND TO CULTIVATING THE WEBERS. REALIZING THAT THIS WOULD TAKE TIME, PETERSEN DID NOT CONTACT BLACK FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT SIX MONTHS. DURING THAT PERIOD, BLACK BECAME THE NEWARK BRANCH TREASURER. BLACK SAID THAT DURING HIS PERIOD OF CONTACT BY PETERSEN, THERE WERE

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ABOUT SIX OCCASIONS WHEN A SUBSTITUTE APPEARED. THIS MAN WAS INTRODUCED TO BLACK BY PETERSEN AS ~~JOHN~~. BLACK DESCRIBES HIM AS BEING ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OLD, FIVE SEVEN, ON^E/THIRTY POUNDS, VERY THIN, JET BLACK HAIR WITH LOW FOREHEAD. JOHN LOOKED LIKE AN ITALIAN, BUT WAS NOT ITALIAN. HE SAID THAT HIS MEMORY OF JOHN IS VAGUE SINCE HE MET HIM SO SELDOM. NEWARK WILL DESCREETLY SECURE COMPLETE BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF DR. CARL T. ~~STEIK~~, FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AT NOPCO, AND DR. LOUIS CHRISTIAN, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH FOR THE AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY, BEARING IN IN MIND THAT BOTH OF THESES MEN MIGHT LATER BE CONSIDERED SUBJECTS. WILL CHECK INDICES ON J. BYRON MC KINNEY, WHO WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN JERSEY CITY IN THIRTYTWO, AND UNEMPLOYED SEAMAN, WHO WHILE ON SHORE, LIVED WITH HIS FAMILY IN JERSEY CITY, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. UACB WILL REEXAMINE BLACK-S PROPERTY IN STORAGE WITH THE VAN POZNAR FIREPROOF WAREHOUSE, IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE THE THREE VOLUMES ENTITLED QUOTE THE CHEMISTRY AND TECHNOLOGY OF OILS, FATS AND WAXES UNQUOTE BY LEFKOWICH. THIS IS A STANDARD WORK PUBLISHED BY MAC MILLAN. BLACK STATES THAT THIS IS IN STORAGE IN NEWARK. BLACK ADMITTED RECEIVING THESES THREE VOLUMES FROM THE SOVIETS THROUGH HARRY GOLD AS A REWARD FOR HIS WORK. WILL CONTACT THE SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY IN PATERSON, NJ AND EXAMINE SUBJECT-S CONTAX CAMERA, WHICH IS PRESENTLY KEPT BY HIM THERE. BLACK STATES THAT THIS

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CAMERA HE EXCHANGED AND IS NOT THE ORIGINAL ONE FURNISHED TO HIM BY PETERSEN. NEWARK SHOULD SECURE THE SERIAL NUMBER ON THIS CAMERA AND SET OUT LEADS IN AN EFFORT TO TRACE ITS OWNERSHIP. THE NYO WILL ENDEAVOR TO IDENTIFY M. MARGOLIN WHO SUBJECT STATES WAS BELIEVED TO BE ENGAGED IN SOVIET ESPIONAGE IN THIRTYONE AND EMPLOYED AS A CHEMIST BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK. SURVEILLANCE OF BLACK CONTINUING AND TODAY HAS BEEN ROUTINE INASMUCH AS MOST OF HIS TIME WAS SPENT IN THE PHILA. OFFICE.

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 OF DR. LOUIS CHRISTIAN IS MAINTAINED AT AMERICAN CYANAMID, THIRTY
 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NYC. AND THAT CHRISTIAN IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY THAT
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 THOMAS L. BLACK; WAS. ESPIONAGE DASH R. RE BALTO. AND NEWARK TEL
 JUNE TWENTY LAST. MRS. A. STANLEY AYERS, NEE MARJORIE STAPLER, SISTER
 OF WILLIAM W. STAPLER, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. ADVISES SHE HAS NONE
 OF STAPLERS EFFECTS. ALL EFFECTS, ACCORDING TO MRS. AYERS, BELIEVED
 TO BE IN POSSESSION OF STAPLER-S WIFE IN NEW JERSEY. MRS. AYERS HAS
 NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OF STAPLERS CONTACTS OR ASSOCIATIONS. ACCORDING
 TO MR. AND MRS. AYERS, WILLIAM NEAD STAPLER, SON OF WILLIAM
 STAPLER, IS BELIEVED AT PRESENT TO BE EMPLOYED BY KELLOGG ENGINEERING
 CO. IN NEWARK, NJ AND ENGAGED IN SOME SORT OF GOVERNMENT EXPERIMENTAL
 WORK. THEY STATE THAT INDIVIDUAL WITH WHOM WILLIAM W. STAPLER WAS
 EMPLOYED IN NINETEEN TWENTIES FOLLOWING EMPLOYMENT WITH DU PONT CO.
 WAS AN INDIVIDUAL BY THE NAME OF PAREN FNU END PAREN WILSON WHO
 THEY BELIEVE TO BE A PROMINENT ADVERTISING MAN IN NYC. THEY BELIEVE
 WILSON AND STAPLER AT THAT TIME WERE INTERESTED IN PLASTICS. STAPLER
 NOT KNOWN BY MR. AND MRS. AYERS TO BE INTERESTED IN ANYTHING OTHER
 THAN TEXTILES AND PINE OIL WHILE EMPLOYED AT THE HERCULES CO.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS, ESP - R. KELLEX COMPANY, NYC, ADVISES NO RECORD OF APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT OR ACTUAL EMPLOYMENT FOR SUBJECT. CHECK MADE OF REGISTRATION CARDS AT SHERMAN SQUARE HOTEL, WEST SEVENTYONE ST., NEAR BROADWAY, NYC. NO RECORD FOUND OF REGISTRATION FOR THOMAS L. BLACK. F. PHILIP HELLER REGISTERED THERE IN MARCH FORTYEIGHT, EXACT DATES NOT AVAILABLE. HOTEL MANAGER RECALLS VERA KANE AS FORMER RESIDENT OF THE HOTEL WHO HAD MANY PECULIAR TRAITS. HOTEL MANAGER ALSO STATED REGISTRATION CARDS ARE NOT KEPT OR FILED VERY ACCURATELY SO THAT NEGATIVE RESULTS OF CHECK WOULD NOT NECESSARILY MEAN BLACK NEVER STAYED THERE. M. MARGOLIN BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH MORDECAI MARGOLIN, THREE FIVE TWO ONE DE KALB AVE., BRONX, NY, TELEPHONE OL TWO DASH NAUGHT SIX FIVE ONE. FILE REFLECTED NUMEROUS REFERENCES INDICATING ABOVE MORDECAI OR M. MARGOLIN WAS A MEMBER OF THE BRONX COUNTY CP DURING FORTYFOUR. NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR NYC DIRECTORY LISTS MORDECAI MARGOLIN AS A CHEMIST IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASES OF NYC RESIDING TWO NAUGHT EIGHT FOUR HONEYWELL AVE. BRONX, NY. THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, NYC, ADVISED THAT MORDECAI MARGOLIN, THREE

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FIVE TWO ONE DE KALB AVE., BRONX, NY, PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY NYC AS A CHEMIST IN THE DEPT. OF PURCHASES. MARGOLIN HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE CITY SINCE NOVEMBER SIXTEEN, TWENTY SIX. SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS CONTAINED DESCRIPTION OF MARGOLIN AS FOLLOWS-- BORN OCT. THIRTYONE, NINETEEN³¹₁₉₁₁ AT BERESINO, MINSK, RUSSIA, RACE WHITE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY LBS., EYES BROWN, HAIR GRAY, COMPLEXION LIGHT, WIFE, FANNIE MARGOLIN, SON, SHELLEY WALTER MARGOLIN BORN APRIL FOUR, TWENTYSIX, NYC. FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF MARGOLIN BEING CONDUCTED.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESPIONAGE DASH R. INTERVIEW WITH BLACK RESUMED AT PHILA. OFFICE SIX FORTY PM TODAY. STENOTYPE NOTES OF ENTIRE INTERVIEW BEING TAKEN. AT BEGINNING OF INTERVIEW BLACK PRODUCED NOTES WHICH HE SAID WERE ON MATTERS HE HAD RECALLED AS BEING PERTINENT SINCE YESTERDAY-S INTERVIEW. HE SAID THAT IN NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR OR THIRTYFIVE PETERSEN TOLD HIM HE HAD AN IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENT WHICH WOULD REQUIRE BLACK TEMPORARILY TO BECOME JEWISH. IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR HIM TO ASSUME A CHARACTER SO COMPLETELY THAT HE ASKED IF BLACK WAS CIRCUMCISED. ON RECEIVING NEGATIVE ANSWER PETERSEN SAID HE MUST BE. PETERSEN EXPLAINED HE WAS TO WORK WITH JEWISH GROUP BUT SOVIETS REQUIRED GENTILE TO PERFORM ASSIGNMENT IN ORDER THAT PERSON CARRYING OUT ASSIGNMENT WOULD NOT ENDANGER ITS SUCCESS BY HAVING POSSIBLE RACIAL LOYALTY INTERFERE. BLACK CONSULTED DR. PAUL LUTTINGER IN NYC ~~AREA~~ WHO CONDUCTED HEALTH COLUMN IN DAILY WORKER. LUTTINGER SAID HE WAS NOT A SURGEON AND REFERRED HIM TO A DR. JOSEPH LANDY ABOUT MAY, THIRTYFIVE. BLACK ENTERED BRONX HOSPITAL JUNE EIGHT, THIRTYFIVE AND OPERATION PERFORMED BY DR. LANDY. BLACK EXPLAINED OPERATION TO ~~DR.~~ LUTTINGER BY SAYING HE WAS GOING TO MARRY JEWISH GIRL FOLLOWING RELEASE FROM HOSPITAL BLACK MET PETERSEN WHO TOLD HIM THAT IMPENDING ASSIGNMENT NECESSITATED HIS MEMORIZING A COMPLETE COVER STORY AND PAGE ONE

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M AND MIGHT EVEN NECESSITAT MARRYING JEWISH GIRL. WHEN PETERSEN LEARNED THAT BLACK HAD CONSULTED DR. LUTTINGER AND HAD TOLD HIM HE HE WAS GOING TO MARRY JEWISH GIRL, PETERSEN BECAME ANGRY.

PETERSEN SAID LUTTINGER WAS ABOUT TO BE EXPELLED FROM CP AND BLACK HAD TOLD ~~KERRY~~ ^{H 11/23} TOO MUCH. ASSIGNMENT WAS THEREFORE NEVER GIVEN NOR DID BLACK HEAR COVER STORY. BLACK BELIEVES FROM WHAT HE DID HEAR THAT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE WORKED IN A JEWISH REFUGEE ORGANIZATION CONTACTING TECHNICAL PEOPLE. BLACK GAVE FOLLOWING INFO ABOUT FALSE

REPORTS WHICH HE CLAIMED ^{11/23 6:21 AM} IN YESTERDAY-S INTERVIEW HE SUBMITTED TO

PETERSEN TO RELIEVE PRESSURE. ONE WAS A REPORT ON A GERMICIDAL OINTMENT BEARING TRADE NAME UFORSAN, FORMULA FOR WHICH WAS THE PROPERTY OF DR. STRIK OF NOPCO. REPORT DEALT WITH PROPERTIES OF UFORSAN, SAMPLES WERE SUBMITTED AND SUGGESTION MADE THAT SOVIETS PURCHASE FORMULA FROM STEIK. REPORT MADE IT APPEAR THAT STEIK HAD BEEN BLACK-S INFORMANT. PETERSEN ANNOYED AT SUGGESTION OF PURCHASE AND SAID THAT SOVIETS NOT INTERESTED IN PURCHASING ANY FORMULAS.

BLACK ALSO SUBMITTED TO PETERSEN A REPORT DEALING WITH THE MANUFACTURE OF TOOTH PASTE IN GENERAL AND THE MANUFACTURE OF TOOTH PASTE CONTAIN-HEXYLRESORCINOL. THIS INFO WAS SECURED FROM A PHARMACEUTICAL LIBRARY AND FROM THE LIBRARY OF THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE. THE REPORT CONTAINED SKETCHES OF EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR MANUFACTURE AND FLOW SHEETS. THE ALLEGED INFORMANT ON THESE REPORTS, ACCORDING TO BLACK, WAS COMPLETELY FICTITIOUS INCLUDING THE BACKGROUND INFO WHICH HE SUBMITTED REGARDING THE INFORMANT. PETERSEN SAID THAT THE REPORT ON THE MANUFACTURE OF TOOTH PASTE IN GENERAL WAS OF NO

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VALUE BUT THAT THE REFERENCE TO HEXYLRESORCINOL WAS INTERESTING. BLACK SUBMITTED A FOURTH REPORT ON DECERESOL. PAREN AEROSOL OT PAREN. THE ALLEGED INFORMANT FOR THIS REPORT WAS ALPHONSE O. JAEGER, OF THE AMERICAN CYANAMID CO. BLACK CLAIMS THAT THIS REPORT AND THE FACT THAT JAEGER WAS THE INFORMANT WERE COMPLETELY FICTITIOUS. BLACK AND PETERSEN ONCE ENGAGED IN A DISCUSSION ON MARRIAGE. PETERSEN REMARKED THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF BLACK WERE NOT TO MARRY BUT IF HE DID, PETERSEN COULD PROVIDE A WIFE ON A PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY BASIS AND EVEN OFFER SOME CHOICE. DURING NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT, WHEN BLACK WAS SWP MEMBER IN NEWARK, A FELLOW MEMBER, LIVIA SAPERSTEIN, ATTACHED HERSELF TO HIM WITH THE APPARENT OBJECT OF MATRIMONY. BLACK REPORTED THIS TO PETERSEN AND ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS IN VIEW OF PETERSEN-S PREVIOUS ORDERS NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN DISAGREEMENTS WITH ANY SWP MEMBERS. PETERSEN-S SUBSTITUTE, JACK, SAID THAT MARRYING SAPERSTEIN WOULD BE PERMISSIBLE AND WOULD BE A GOOD WAY TO INGRATIATE SELF WITH SWP MEMBERS. BLACK UNWILLING TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS BECAUSE SAPERSTEIN REPULSIVE AND CLAIMS THAT RESULTANT NERVOUS TENSION AND LOSS OF SLEEP CAUSED CONDITION OF COMPLETE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL EXHAUSTION WHICH CULMINATED IN HIS INJURY IN A LABORATORY EXPLOSION MARCH TEN, THIRTYEIGHT. DURING TROTSKYITE PERIOD PRIOR TO INJURY, BLACK CONTACTED BY PETERSEN, S SUBSTITUTE, JACK, WHO INSTRUCTED THAT BLACK SHOULD BECOME PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH KEY FIGURES IN SWP. FARRELL DOBBS AND JOSEPH VANZLER, AKA THUSICK, MENTIONED ~~PERK~~ SPECIFICALLY. BLACK BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH VANZLER WHO WAS A CHEMIST AND SON IN LAW OF FEMALE GYNECOLOGIST IN BOSTON WHO IS PROMINENT SWP MEMBER AND WHOSE NAME BEGINS WITH QUOTE K UNQUOTE.

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BLACK CLAIMS HE NEVER SUBMITTED TO THE SOVIETS ANY INFO REGARDING VANZLER. BLACK WAS CONFINED TO WEST HUDSON HOSPITAL, KEARNEY, N. J., NINETEEN WEEKS AND SIX DAYS. CLAIMS HE FEARED REPRISALS BY SOVIET AGENTS DURING HIS CONFINEMENT. AFTER HE HAD ~~WENT BACK~~ SUFFICIENTLY RECOVERED, HE CALLED HARRY GOLD BY TELEPHONE AT PHILA., ASKING HARRY TO VISIT HIM AT HOSPITAL. DURING GOLD-S VISIT BLACK ASKED GOLD TO TELL SOVIETS WHERE HE WAS AND THAT HE WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SOME TIME. GOLD MADE ~~BACK~~ SECOND VISIT WHICH WAS PURELY SOCIAL. FOLLOWING GOLD-S SECOND VISIT AND ABOUT ONE MONTH BEFORE BLACK RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL, A MAN APPEARED SHORTLY AFTER BREAKFAST ON A SATURDAY MORNING AND INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO BLACK AS DR. SCHWARTZ, A FRIEND OF JACK. THIS IDENTIFIED HIM TO BLACK AS A SOVIET AGENT. SCHWARTZ DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A PHYSICIAN AND DISCUSSED WITH BLACK HIS ACCIDENT AND HIS PHYSICAL CONDITION. HE INQUIRED WHO WAS PAYING THE BILL FOR THE HOSPITALIZATION AND WHETHER BLACK WAS ABLE TO PAY HIS APARTMENT RENT WHILE IN HOSPITAL. BLACK SAID HE NEEDED NO MONEY. NO DISCUSSION BETWEEN SCHWARTZ ~~AND~~ AND BLACK ON THIS VISIT OF SOVIET ACTIVITY. FOLLOWING BLACK-S RELEASE FROM HOSPITAL AND WHILE HE WAS CONFINED TO HIS HOME BEFORE RETURNING TO WORK, SCHWARTZ CALLED HIM BY TELEPHONE AT BLACK-S APARTMENT, ASKING FOR APPOINTMENT. BECAUSE OF HIS ROOMMATE, BLACK PREFERRED NOT TO MAKE MEET AT APARTMENT AND ARRANGED TO MEET SCHWARTZ AT PENNA. RR STATION, NEWARK N. J. WITHIN HOUR AFTER TELEPHONE CALL. AT THIS MEET ~~SWARTZ~~ SCHWARTZ SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN BLACK-S PHYSICAL CONDITION

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AND IN HAVING BLACK HEAL AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE HE HAD A VERY IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENT. HE ASKED IF BLACK NEEDED MONEY AND WAS TOLD NO. SCHWARTZ INSISTED ON BLACK HAVING CONSULTATION WITH BEST AVAILABLE DERMATOLOGIST OR PLASTIC SURGEON. SAID MONEY WAS NO OBJECT. GAVE BLACK ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ~~STAX~~ CASH IN TEN DOLLAR BILLS. WHEN BLACK RECEIVED THIS MONEY HE SAW IN SCHWARTZ-S WALLET A YELLOW SLIP INDICATING PAYMENT OF SOME TYPE OF DUES OR MEDICAL INSURANCE ALONG LINES OF BLUE CROSS AT SOVIET AGENCY, PROBABLY AMTORG. BLACK HAZY ON DETAILS OF THIS SLIP BUT RECALLS IT INDICATED TO HIM SCHWARTZ-S CONNECTION WITH EITHER RUSSIAN RED CROSS OR AMTORG. IN COMPLIANCE WITH SCHWARTZ-S REQUEST BLACK MADE AN EFFORT TO SECURE A PLASTIC SURGEON TO PERFORM A SKIN GRAFT. WAS ADVISED BY SURGEON THAT SKIN GRAFT WOULD NOT BE PRACTICAL UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. SCHWARTZ ACCEPTED THIS STORY FROM BLACK AND TOLD BLACK THAT AS SOON AS ABLE HE WANTED BLACK TO TAKE A LONG VACATION AT SCHWARTZ-S EXPENSE MONEY WAS NO CRITERION. HE TOLD BLACK THAT BLACK WAS TO GO TO COYOACAN, TROTSKY-S RESIDENCE IN MEXICO, AND THERE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO JOIN THE HOUSEHOLD OF TROTSKY IN ORDER THAT BLACK COULD LEARN ALL OF TROTSKY-S HABITS, ASSOCIATES ~~ZETA~~ AND THE SURROUNDING AREA. BLACK PROTESTED THAT HE DID NOT THINK THAT HE COULD ACCOMPLISH IT AS HE HAD NOT INGRATIATED HIMSELF SUFFICIENTLY IN THE HIGHER ECHELONS OF THE TROTSKYITES. SCHWARTZ TOLD BLACK THAT THIS WAS HIS ASSIGNMENT AND IT WAS UP TO BLACK TO WORK IT OUT AND WORK OUT HIS OWN DETAILS. BLACK STATES THAT SCHWARTZ WAS A GENTLEMAN AND NEVER ATTEMPTED TO USE THREATS OR FTM PRESSURE. FOR THIS REASON

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BLACK DID NOT WANT TO OPENLY OPPOSE SCHWARTZ SINCE HE FELT KINDLY TOWARD HIM. IN HIS OWN MIND BLACK STATED THAT HE NEVER INTENDED TO GO THERE BUT TOLD SCHWARTZ THAT HE WOULD MAKE WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS HE COULD. BLACK SAID THAT WHILE HE WAS MEMBER SWP, SOVIETS PAID HIS DUES WHICH AMOUNTED TO ONLY FIFTY CENTS PER MONTH, AS WELL AS A REGULAR MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION OF TEN DOLLARS AND AT ONE PERIOD A SPECIAL MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION OF FIVE DOLLARS WHICH SARAH WEBER WAS COLLECTING TO MAINTAIN TROTSKY-S PRIVATE SECRETARY IN MEXICO. BLACK WANTED TO MAKE THESE CONTRIBUTIONS LARGER BUT SOVIETS REFUSED TO PAY MORE MONEY TO THE TROTSKYITES. BLACK RECEIVED NO PAY FOR HIS SERVICES IN THE TROTSKYITE PARTY BUT ACCEPTED SMALL GIFTS. TO ILLUSTRATE THAT HE DID NOT INTEND TO ESCAPE WHILE PRESENT INTERVIEWS ARE IN PROGRESS AND THAT HE COULD HAVE ESCAPED SOMETIME AGO, BLACK RELATED FOLLOWING STORY. ON A DATE WHICH HE BELIEVES WAS MONDAY, MAY TWENTYSECOND LAST, HE RECEIVED BUT NOT DIRECTLY A TELEPHONE CALL AT THE BERG LABORATORIES FROM A MISS WATKINS. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE CALL HAD COME TO BERG-S BUT HE DID NOT PERSONALLY RECEIVE IT. HE SAYS HE RECOGNIZED THIS AS A SUMMONS FROM HIS CONTACT, JACK, TO AN EMERGENCY MEETING WHICH HE KNEW BY PRE-ARRANGEMENT WAS TO BE IN FRONT OF THE TRANSLUX THEATRE, CHESTNUT STREET NEAR SIXTEENTH, IN PHILA. THIS ARRANGEMENT MADE WHEN HE LAST SAW JACK AND ONE AND A HALF YEARS AGO. AT THAT TIME JACK GAVE HIM ONE HALF OF A NEW YORK SUBWAY TRANSFER WHICH HE WAS TO CARRY TO THE MEET

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AS A MEANS OF IDENTIFYING HIM TO THE PERSON WHOM HE WOULD MEET. HE
HAS DESTROYED THIS. BLACK DID NOT GO TO THIS MEETING AT THE TRANSLUX
AND SAYS HE BELIEVES THE PURPOSE WAS EITHER TO WARN HIM OF GOLD-S
IMPENDING ARREST OR TO DISPOSE OF HIM. BLACK FURTHER SAYS HE KNOWS
IT IS PRACTICE OF SOVIETS TO CONDUCT PERIODIC SURVEILLANCES OF THEIR
AGENTS AND HE BELIEVES THAT THEY WERE SURVEILLING HARRY GOLD AND KNEW
THAT HE WAS BEING CONTACTED BY FBI AGENTS. NEW YORK OFFICE WILL
CHECK RECORDS OF BRONX HOSPITAL AND SECURE COMPLETE HISTORY OF BLACK-X
HOSPITALIZATION THERE BEGINNING JUNE EIGHT, THIRTYFIVE AS PATIENT
OF DR. JOSEPH LANDY. CHECK INDICES RE DR. PAUL LUTTINGER AND DR.
JOSEPH LANDY. INTERVIEW CONCLUDED TEN FIFTY PM JUNE
TWENTYONE AND WILL BE RESUMED THURSDAY PM JUNE TWENTYTWO AT
BLACKS CONVENIENCE.

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J. H. KERNAM, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, QUEENEY PLANT, MONSANTO CHEMICAL
CO., ONE SEVEN HUNDRED S. SECOND ST., ST. LOUIS, MO. ADVISED THAT
HIS RECORDS FAILED TO REFLECT THAT SUBJECT WAS EVER EMPLOYED BY CO.
OR MADE APPLICATION FOR POSITION WITH COMPANY. ALBER B. HUGHES,
PAYROLL SUPERVISOR, ADVISED THAT HE COULD LOCATE NO RECORD OF SUBJECT
AS SALARIED EMPLOYEE BY COMPANY IN ST. LOUIS OR ANYONE OF ITS THIRTY-
SEVEN INSTALLATIONS LOCATED THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES. NO CREDIT OR
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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP. R. REBUTEL JUNE TWENTYTWO. BLACK
HAS DESCRIBED SOVIET AGENT KNOWN TO HIM AS PAUL PETERSEN ON TWO
OCCASIONS. COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS - AGE IN NINETEEN
THIRTYFOUR ABOUT FORTYFIVE, SHORTER THAN AVERAGE, ABOUT FIVE FT.
SEVEN, WEIGHT ONE NINETY OR TWO HUNDRED LBS., STOCKY BUILD BUT NOT
FAT, SLAVIC PEASANT TYPE, BROAD FACE, DARK HAIR STARTING TO TURN
GRAY. SPOKE WITH SLIGHT ACCENT. ONCE TOLD BLACK HE WAS
SWEDISH BUT BLACK IS POSITIVE HE WAS NOT.

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Heller describes Petersen as: white, 30's (1923-34), 5'2-5'4"
slender build, clean shaven, metal rimmed glasses, tanned reddish brown face, 120 lbs
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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP. R. REMYTEL JUNE TWENTYONE WHEREIN IS STATED THAT ON MAY TWENTYTWO, FIFTY BLACK WAS CALLED AT HIS PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT THE CHARLES W. BERG LABORATORIES, EIGHTEEN TWENTYSEVEN FIFTH ST., PHILA., PA., TELEPHONE NUMBER GARFIELD FIVE DASH NAUGHT SIX SEVEN SEVEN, BY INDIVIDUAL LEAVING NAME MISS WATKINS. BLACK WAS NOT PRESENT TO RECEIVE THIS CALL AND ONLY RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM HIS EMPLOYER-S OFFICE. BLACK HAS STATED THAT THIS WAS A SIGNAL TO HIM TO MEET HIS SOVIET SUPERIOR IN FRONT OF TRANSLUX THEATER, SIXTEENTH AND CHESTNUT STS., AND THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT WAS ORIGINALLY MADE WITH HIM BY HIS SUPERIOR JACK. PHILA. OFFICE BELIEVES THAT IF THE MAKER OF TELEPHONE CALL CAN BE IDENTIFIED THAT IDENTITY OF JACK-S SUCCESSOR CAN BE IDENTIFIED.

NYO AND WFO SHOULD CHECK TOLL CALLS MADE AT ALL SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS

ON MAY TWENTYTWO, FIFTY IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN IF ANY CALL PLACED

THEREFROM TO GARFIELD FIVE DASH NAUGHT SIX SEVEN SEVEN.

IT IS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT NYO AND WFO CONSIDER MAJOR ESPIONAGE CASES

IN THEIR AREA AND CHECK THE TOLL CALLS ON THE RESIDENCES AND

OFFICES ON SUCH OF THOSE SUBJECTS THAT THEY CONSIDER MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ACTING AS BLACK-S SOVIET SUPERIOR. BUREAU SHOULD

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ALSO CONSIDER MAJOR ESPIONAGE SUBJECTS WHO MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN
ACTING AS BLACK-S SUPERIOR AND INSTRUCT WFO AND NYO TO COVER SUCH
OF THOSE AS BUREAU DESIRES TO HAVE CHECKED.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESPIONAGE - R. INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT RESUMED SIX FORTY TWO PM TODAY, ROOM FIVE THIRTEEN, PHILA., OFFICE, WITH STENOTYPE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS. BLACK HAD FINAL CONTACT WITH DR. SCHWARTZ IN LATTER PART NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT, AT WHICH TIME SCHWARTZ SAID HE WOULD NOT SEE BLACK AGAIN. BLACK NEVER GAVE SCHWARTZ INFO REGARDING HIS TROTSKYITE ACTIVITIES AND SCHWARTZ NEVER INQUIRED. SCHWARTZ DID INQUIRE ABOUT NATURE BLACK-S WORK AT NOPCO. FOLLOWING SCHWARTZ MEETING SOVIET AGENT JACK MADE TELEPHONE APPOINTMENT AND BLACK MET HIM AT A CHILD-S RESTAURANT IN NY. BLACK TOLD JACK TRIP TO MEXICO WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE HE HAD NOT ADVANCED FAR ENOUGH IN SWP FOR THE TRIP TO BE MADE WITHOUT SUSPICION. JACK REALIZED THIS AND DROPPED MATTER. IN SPRING OR SUMMER NINETEEN THIRTYNINE, JACK SENT BLACK TO PHILA TO CONTACT DR. EARL FLOSDORF, OF DEPT. OF BACTERIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF PENNA. FLOSDORF HAD DEVELOPED APPARATUS AND METHOD OF FREEZE DRYING BACTERIAL CULTURES SO THEY COULD BE STORED FOR LONG TIME AND SOVIETS HAD PURCHASED FLOSDORF-S ORIGINAL APPARATUS. FOR PURPOSES OF TRIP, JACK TOLD BLACK TO ASSUME ANY COMMON ANGLO-SAXON NAME. BLACK USED NAME OF GEORG WILLIAMS, LATTER BEING HIS MOTHER-S MAIDEN NAME. JACK INSTRUCTED BLACK TO FIND OUT IF FLOSDORF WAS WILLING TO WORK AGAIN WITH THE RUSSIAN RED CROSS. BEFORE MAKING TRIP BLACK TRIED TO AVOID IT BY GIVING JACK FALSE REPORT THAT

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HE HAD CONTACTED FLOSDORF AND HAD BEEN TOLD FLOSDORF WANTED TO KNOW NATURE OF INFO REQUIRED BEFORE AGREEING TO RESUME RELATIONS. JACK DISSATISFIED WITH THIS STORY AND ASKED BLACK TO PROVE HE HAD SEEN FLOSDORF BY GIVING PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION. BLACK UNABLE TO GIVE DESCRIPTION WHICH CONVINCED JACK. BLACK MADE TRIP TO PHILA FROM NEWARK AND THINKS HE STAYED OVERNIGHT IN CENTER CITY PHILA HOTEL WHICH HE CANNOT NOW RECALL. CALLED FLOSDORF AT HOME, INTRODUCING SELF AS GEORGE WILLIAMS, AND ASKING FOR APPOINTMENT AT FLOSDORF-S OFFICE ON PERSONAL MATTER. APPOINTMENT MADE AND BLACK HAD FIFTEEN DASH TWENTY MINUTE INTERVIEW, DURING WHICH FLOSDORF SAID HE HAD HAD DEALING WITH RUSSIAN RED CROSS AND WAS WILLING TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER WITH A REPRESENTATIVE. BLACK SO REPORTED TO JACK AND PROVED THAT HE HAD ACTUALLY MADE INTERVIEW BY GIVING PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION. BLACK-S MENTION OF DEFORMED FINGER CONVINCED JACK THAT HE HAD ACTUALLY SEEN FLOSDORF. BLACK DOUBTS THAT JACK HAD EVER MET FLOSDORF BUT BELIEVES HE HAD BEEN GIVEN DESCRIPTION BY WHICH HE COULD BE IDENTIFIED. BLACK DESCRIBES SOVIET AGENT JACK AS FOLLOWS - ABOUT THIRTYEIGHT YEARS OLD, MEDIUM HEIGHT, ABOUT FIVE FEET EIGHT, MEDIUM BUILD, BLUE EYES, CURLY DARK BLOND HAIR, PECULIAR GAIT, POSSIBLY A SLIGHT LIMP. JACK SAID HE WAS BORN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. HE HAD A GREAT INTEREST IN SHOES AND WAS NOT A TECHNICAL MAN. DURING INTERVIEW BLACK APPEARED CONSIDERABLY CONFUSED ABOUT DATES AND SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AND CLAIMS THAT DURING THE PERIOD WHICH HE COVERED TODAY HE HAS NO EVENTS WITH WHICH TO ASSOCIATE HIS STORY DEFINITELY. PRIOR TO NINETEEN THIRTY-NINE SWP CONVENTION AT CHICAGO, JACK INSTRUCTED BLACK TO TAKE PART IN THE PRE-CONVENTION DISCUSSIONS OF THE NEWARK BRANCH AND GET HIMSELF ELECTED AS CONVENTION DELEGATE OF THE CANNON FACTION. BLACK

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TOOK NO PART AND DID NOT GET ELECTED. HE TOLD JACK, HOWEVER, THAT HE INTENDED TO GO AS AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AND A VISITOR. JACK DID NOT CARE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER SINCE THE CONVENTION WOULD BE COVERED BY OTHER SOVIET AGENTS. HE TOLD BLACK THAT NO EXPENSES WOULD BE PAID TO HIM FOR GOING AS A VISITOR SINCE IN THAT CAPACITY HE WOULD BE ABLE NEITHER TO VOTE IN THE CAUCUSES NOR SPEAK. BLACK WENT TO CHICAGO IN THE TRAIN WITH THE NY AND NJ DELEGATIONS. HE STAYED AT THE MARK TWAIN HOTEL USING EITHER HIS OWN NAME OR PARTY NAME, TOM JONES, AND HIS OWN ADDRESS, SEVENTEEN OXFORD STREET, NEWARK, NJ. AT CONVENTION ATTENDED OVER HALF THE SESSIONS AS A VISITOR AND SPENT MUCH OF HIS TIME DISCUSSING CONVENTION WITH DELEGATES. SEVERAL WEEKS AFTER CONVENTION, HAVING RETURNED TO NEWARK, HE CONTACTED JACK AND FURNISHED HIM A REPORT BASED ON THE AGENDA OF THE CONVENTION. HE ONLY REPORTED ON THE AGENDA AS JACK HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD BLACK THAT OTHER SOVIET AGENTS WOULD REPORT ON THE PERSONS PRESENT. JACK REIMBURSED BLACK FOR EXPENSES FOR ENTERTAINING OTHER SWP MEMBERS BUT NOT FOR HOTEL OR RAILROAD FARE. IN CONVENTION CAUCUS THE SWP DISCUSSED THE RETENTION OF HISTORICAL FILMS OF TROTSKY. JOHN G. WRIGHT PLACED IN CHARGE OF THIS PROJECT. BLACK OFFERED TO ASSIST WRIGHT IN THIS PROJECT. AFTER CONVENTION WRIGHT WAS GIVEN BY VARIOUS MEMBERS PHOTOGRAPHS OF TROTSKY, WHICH WRIGHT GAVE TO BLACK AND ASKED HIM TO COPY. THIS BLACK DID. AFTER THE DEATH OF TROTSKY, THE SWP PURCHASED NEWSREEL PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE HOSPITALIZATION OF TROTSKY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION AND THE FUNERAL. THESE FILMS WERE ALSO GIVEN BY WRIGHT TO BLACK FOR SAFEKEEPING. AFTER THE NINETEEN THIRTYNINE CONVENTION, JACK MADE NO

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FURTHER INQUIRIES ABOUT BLACK-S TROTSKYITE ACTIVITIES AND BLACK ASSUMED THAT THE SOVIETS HAD MADE DEFINITE PLANS TO DISPOSE OF TROTSKY AND NO LONGER REQUIRED INFO. AT A TIME IN NINETEEN THIRTYNINE, WHICH BLACK IS UNABLE TO PLACE DEFINITELY, HE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM FRED HELLER FROM WHOM HE HAD BEEN ESTRANGED SEVERAL YEARS. HE AND HELLER MET FOR DINNER IN NY. EITHER THEN OR AT A SLIGHTLY LATER MEETING HELLER TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD COME ACROSS A LETTER IN THE FILES OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL PAINT CO., WHERE HELLER WAS EMPLOYED. THIS LETTER WAS FROM AMTORG AND REQUESTED INFO FROM ACP ABOUT THERMOIL GRAMADIN WHICH WAS COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE PARKERIZING PROCESS. HELLER EXPLAINED THAT ACP HAD NOT ANSWERED THE LETTER AND ASKED IF BLACK COULD ARRANGE TO GET THE INFO TO THE SOVIETS. BLACK SAID THE THERMOIL GRAMADIN PROCESS WAS AN OLD ONE FOR WHICH A NEW USE HAD BEEN DISCOVERED. THIS WAS THE TREATMENT OF BEARING SURFACES TO SHORTEN BREAKING PERIOD. BLACK AGREED TO TRANSMIT INFO TO SOVIETS AND HELLER PRODUCED THE PATENT INFO AND THE FORMULA WRITTEN ON LIBRARY CARD TOGETHER WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE. BLACK AND HELLER WROTE UP THIS INFO IN INTELLIGIBLE FORM. ^{this was in 1939} THIS DONE EITHER AT BLACK-S APARTMENT IN NEWARK; VERA KANE-S NEW YORK APARTMENT, HELLER-S HOME, ONE NINE NINE WEST CHEW ST., PHILA., OR ALL THREE. FINAL COPIES PROBABLY TYPED BY VERA KANE. BLACK MAY STILL HAVE COPY THIS REPORT AVAILABLE IN STORAGE IN NEWARK IN BOX MARKED MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS. REPORT PROBABLY CAPTIONED, QUOTE, RUSTPROOFING PROCESS, UNQUOTE. BLACK DID NOT TURN REPORT OVER TO JACK FOR SOME TIME AFTER COMPLETION.

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HIS EXPLANATION IS THAT HE WAS THEN UNDER NO PARTICULAR PRESSURE FROM JACK AND PLANNED TO SAVE REPORT FOR TIME WHEN JACK WOULD DEMAND ACTION. HELLER INTERESTED IN GETTING INFO TO SOVIETS BUT BLACK INTERESTED IN SAVING REPORT FOR EMERGENCY USE. BLACK EVENTUALLY TURNED REPORT OVER TO JACK IN CHILD-S RESTAURANT, NEW YORK. RECEIVED NO PAY. JACK NEVER OFFERED PAY BUT ONLY EXPENSES. FOLLOWING THIS HELLER SUGGESTED GETTING ALL OF ACP PROCESSES FOR TWO PURPOSES - ONE, TURN OVER TO SOVIETS, TWO, BLACK AND HELLER USE THEM IN ESTABLISHING OWN BUSINESS. HELLER ALREADY HAD THIS INFO IN HIS POSSESSION AND TOOK IT TO VERA KANE-S APARTMENT WRITTEN ON LIBRARY CARD. VERA KANE TYPED ONE COPY OF ALL FORMULAS. HELLER SUPPLIED COMMENTS ON TECHNICAL SERVICE INFO TO CLARIFY FORMULAS. BLACK ESTIMATES THERE WAS TOTAL APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED PROCESSES. THIS TYPEING DONE ON A SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY. BLACK AND HELLER REGISTERED AT HOTEL SHERMAN SQUARE, SEVENTYFIRST AND BROADWAY, NEAR KANE-S APARTMENT, USING OWN NAMES. BLACK SAYS THESE PROCESS DIVIDED INTO GROUPS, EACH GROUP CONTAINING MANY FORMULAS. ONE GROUP REFERRED TO ACID INHIBITORS USED IN PICKLING BATH TO REMOVE SCALE FROM STEEL. THIS WAS MOST VALUABLE ^RGROUP. ANOTHER GROUP CONCERNED REFINING CRUDE DEGRAS INTO TECHNICAL GRADE OF LANOLIN. ANOTHER GROUP REFERRED TO BONDERIZING OR COATING SHEET STEEL WITH ZINC PHOSPHATE PRIOR TO APPLICATION OF PROTECTIVE COATING. NONE OF THIS INFO WAS TURNED OVER

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TO SOVIETS AND BLACK IS NOT SURE WHERE TYPED COPIES ARE AT PRESENT. HE BELIEVES VERA KANE MAY STILL HAVE THEM AND IS CERTAIN HELLER STILL HAS ORIGINAL NOTES FROM WHICH TYPED COPIES WERE MADE. NEW YORK WILL ATTEMPT TO CHECK REGISTRATION OF FERDINAND P. HELLER AND THOMAS L. BLACK AT HOTEL SHERMAN SQUARE ON SATURDAY NIGHT IN NINETEEN THIRTY-NINE, NO BETTER DATE AVAILABLE. INTERVIEW WITH VERA KANE MAY ESTABLISH DATE MORE DEFINITELY. INTERVIEW CONCLUDED NINE FIFTY PM AND WILL BE RESUMED FRIDAY, JUNE TWENTYTHREE NEXT. BLACK INTENDS TO LEAVE FOR PATERSON, NJ, SATURDAY MORNING AND REQUESTS THAT INTERVIEW BE SUSPENDED OVER WEEKEND.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP - R: SUBJECT PRESENTLY BEING INTER-
VIEWED AT PHILA AS SUSPECTED ESPIONAGE AGENT RELATED TO HARRY GOLD
CASE. BLACK CLAIMS HE ATTENDED SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY CONVENTION
IN CHICAGO AND BELIEVES IT WAS IN NINETEEN THIRTYNINE. CONVENTION
THAT YEAR IN NEW YORK. SAYS HE STAYED AT MARK TWAIN HOTEL,
USING OWN NAME OR SWP NAME, TOM JONES. USED CORRECT ADDRESS, ONE
SEVEN OXFORD ST., NEWARK, N. J. FOUNDED CONVENTION SWP WAS IN
CHICAGO, DEC. THIRTYONE, THIRTYSEVEN, TO JAN. THREE, THIRTYEIGHT.
CHICAGO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE SUBJECT-S REGISTRATION AT MARK TWAIN
HOTEL DURING THAT PERIOD. IF LOCATED, SEND PHOTOGRAPHIC COPY TO
PHILA FOR SUBMISSION TO BUREAU WITH KNOWN SPECIMEN HANDWRITING.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESPIONAGE - R. INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT RESUMED SIX TWENTY PM TODAY AT BUREAU OFFICE AND CONCLUDED TEN TEN PM. BLACK SAYS THAT AT TIME INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE RECRUITING MEN IN U. S. HE AND FRED HELLER DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF ENLISTING. BLACK DID NOT ATTEMPT TO ENLIST BUT HELLER TOLD HIM HE HAD BEEN TO INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE RECRUITING OFFICE IN NY TWICE BUT RECEIVED NO ENCOURAGEMENT. ON ONE OCCASION BLACK AND HIS CONTACT, PAUL PETERSEN, DISCUSSED SPANISH WAR. PETERSEN TOLD HIM SOME SOVIET AGENTS WERE GOING BUT BLACK WOULD NOT. BLACK UNDERSTOOD THIS TO MEAN THAT SOME WERE BEING ASSIGNED TO DUTY IN INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE. APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AFTER TROTSKY'S DEATH THE SOVIETS LOST INTEREST IN SWP AND PERMITTED THEIR AGENTS TO WITHDRAW. BLACK PRESSURED TO SECURE EMPLOYMENT IN A CHEMICAL PLANT. AFTER SOME INSISTENCE BY CONTACT JACK, BLACK TURNED OVER TO JACK A REPORT ON THE MANUFACTURE OF SORBITOL FROM SORBOSE, THE SOURCE OF VITAMIN C. BELIEVES THIS REPORT TURNED OVER IN NINETEEN FORTYTHREE. BLACK ALSO ACCOMPANIED THIS REPORT WITH A CULTURE OF SORBITOL. INFO FOR REPORT SECURED FROM BLACK'S CONTACT WITH FELLOW EMPLOYEE AT NOPCO WHO HAD NO IDEA BLACK PREPARING REPORT. BLACK'S INFO INCOMPLETE DUE TO SECRECY EMPLOYED BY FELLOW EMPLOYEE.

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BLACK GAVE REPORT TO JACK AT NEW YORKER HOTEL IN FALL OF FORTYTHREE, WHERE BLACK REGISTERED USING OWN NAME AND CORRECT ADDRESS, SEVENTEEN HUDSON ST., NEWARK, N. J. BELIEVES REGISTERED AT HOTEL ON FRIDAY NIGHT NEXT DAY BLACK TURNED OVER TO JACK IN AN ITALIAN RESTAURANT ON TWELFTH STREET THE CULTURE OF SORBITOL, WHICH WAS PACKED IN ICED CULTURE TUBE IN FIVE GALLON THERMOS JUG. JACK HAD MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO SHIP THIS JUG BY AIR TO RUSSIA. BLACK CLAIMS ONLY PAYMENT RECEIVED FOR THIS REPORT WAS ACTUAL EXPENSES OF EIGHT OR NINE DOLLARS, FIVE DOLLARS OF WHICH REPRESENTED COST OF JUG. JACK PLEASED WITH REPORT AND ASSIGNED BLACK TO REPORT ON PRODUCTION OF PENICILLIN AND PURIFICATION FOR MEDICAL USE. THIS WAS SHORTLY AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT OF DISCOVERY OF PENICILLIN IN PRESS. BLACK SPENT LONG PERIOD READING AVAILABLE LITERATURE AND PREPARING REPORT WHICH HE SAYS WAS INCOMPLETE. ACTUALLY TURNED OVER SERIES OF SHORT SUMMARIES OF TECHNICAL LITERATURE BEFORE FINAL REPORT. ALSO MADE MICROFILM COPIES OF MEDICAL LITERATURE ON PENICILLIN USING THIRTYFIVE MM. CONTAX CAMERA. BLACK ALSO GAVE JACK CULTURES OF PENICILLIUM NOTATUM IN TUBES WHICH JACK SAID HE WOULD HAVE PACKED FOR SHIPMENT. EXCHANGE OF REPORT TOOK PLACE AT CHILD- S RESTAURANT IN FORTYSECOND STREET AREA OF NY. JACK PAID BLACK ACTUAL EXPENSES AMOUNTING TO LESS THAN TEN DOLLARS.

FOLLOWING THIS REPORT THERE WAS PERIOD OF INACTIVITY, DURING WHICH JACK PRINCIPALLY URGED BLACK TO LEAVE NOPCO AND GET JOB IN KEY CHEMICAL PLANT.

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PAGE THREE

IN JUNE FORTYFOUR BLACK DISCHARGED BY NOPCO FOR POOR WORK CAUSED, ACCORDING TO BLACK, BY HIS NERVOUS CONDITION RESULTING FROM PRESSURE FROM JACK. FOLLOWING DISCHARGE BLACK LIVED ON INCOME AS CONSULTANT FOR FINE ORGANICS, AMOUNTING TO THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR PAID IN QUARTERLY INSTALLMENTS OF SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS. BLACK SAYS JACK DID NOT KNOW OF FINE ORGANICS EMPLOYMENT AND ASSUMED HE WAS UNEMPLOYED. JACK OFFERED MONTHLY PAYMENTS TO FINANCE BLACK SO HE COULD TAKE ALL TIME NECESSARY TO GET ACCEPTABLE JOB. FOR SIX MONTHS BLACK ACCEPTED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER MONTH WHICH WAS PAID IN CASH IN SMALL BILLS. JACK PARTICULARLY URGED APPLICATION AT KELLEX, THIS TIME GIVING INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING PERSON TO SEE AND STORY TO TELL. FROM THIS BLACK BELIEVES THAT SOVIETS EITHER HAD PLACED MAN IN KELLEX OR THEIR AGENTS HAD APPLIED AND KNEW PROCEDURE. LAST CONTACT WITH JACK IN THIS PERIOD WAS IN LATE SUMMER NINETEEN FORTYFIVE AT STEWARTS PAREN. PHONETIC PAREN CAFETERIA, SEVENTH AVE. AND TWENTYTHIRD ST., NYC. THIS WAS SHORT MEETING. ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO ON WARM SPRING DAY BLACK MET JACK IN NY IN RESPONSE TO CALL FROM PERSON IDENTIFYING SELF AS WATKINS, WHO HAD KNOWN BLACK WHILE IN SERVICE IN ENGLAND. BLACK RECOGNIZED VOICE AS JACK. THEY MET NEAR MACY- S, THIRTYFOURTH STREET AND BROADWAY, NYC AND WALKED AROUND TOWN FOR ABOUT AN HOUR. JACK KNEW ENOUGH OF BLACK- S HABITS TO TELL HIM HE WAS WORKING TOO LONG HOURS. JACK ASKED IF BLACK WILLING TO WORK FOR HIM AGAIN AND BLACK AGREED BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID TO REFUSE OPENLY.

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PAGE FOUR

HOWEVER, BLACK SAID IT WOULD BE ILL ADVISED TO RESUME RELATIONSHIP AT THAT TIME BECAUSE FBI HAD BEEN MAKING INQUIRIES ABOUT HIM. BLACK SAYS THIS STORY WAS FABRICATED FROM STORY HARRY GOLD HAD TOLD HIM ABOUT HIS INTERVIEW BY FBI AGENTS AND HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE GRAND JURY. JACK AGREED THAT BLACK MIGHT BE UNDER SUSPICION AS A RESULT OF ELIZABETH BENTLEY- S DISCLOSURES. JACK THEN IMPLIED STRONGLY THAT HE COULD FIND OUT WHAT THE FBI KNEW ABOUT BLACK. GAVE NO INDICATION OF HIS SOURCE BUT SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT AND WOULD TAKE TIME. ALSO TOLD BLACK THAT HE WOULD NOT MEET HIM AGAIN. HE SAID HE ALSO HAD BEEN UNDER INVESTIGATION BY FBI. INSTRUCTED BLACK THAT THE NEXT CONTACT FOR HIM WOULD BE ARRANGED IN FOLLOWING MANNER. A WOMAN WOULD CALL HIM BY TELEPHONE AT BERG LABORATORIES FROM PHILA. SAYING MISS WATKINS WAS CALLING. THIS WOULD INDICATE TO BLACK THAT HE WAS TO GO THE NEXT DAY AT SEVEN THIRTY PM TO THE TRANSLUX THEATER, CHESTNUT ST. NEAR SIXTEENTH, PHILA., AND STAND IN FRONT SMOKING CIGARETTE, WEARING GRAY TIE AND READING BILLBOARD. A MAN WEARING GLASSES AND A BLUE TIE WOULD APPROACH HIM AND ASK FOR LIGHT. BLACK WAS TO REPLY THAT HE HAD NO MATCHES BUT TO OFFER LIGHT FROM HIS CIGARETTE. BLACK WAS THEN TO GO TO NEDICK STAND AT FIFTEENTH AND CHESTNUT AND PURCHASE HOT DOG. AS FINAL IDENTIFICATION BLACK WAS TO SHOW OTHER MAN HIS HALF OF A NEW YORK CITY TRANSFER, WHICH BLACK BELIEVES WAS FROM BROOKLYN SUBWAY TO SURFACE CAR.

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THIS TRANSFER, PURPLE IN COLOR AND TORN DIAGONALLY. OTHER MAN WOULD PRODUCE MATCHING HALF. FOLLOWING THIS IDENTIFICATION THIS MAN WOULD GIVE BLACK HIS INSTRUCTIONS. BLACK DISPOSED OF HIS HALF OF TRANSFER SHORTLY AFTER MEET WITH JACK. ON MONDAY, MAY TWENTYSECOND, WHEN BLACK ARRIVED AT WORK, BERG- S PARTNER, WALTER ALKUS, TOLD HIM A MISS WATKINS HAD CALLED HIM ABOUT EIGHT THIRTY AM. BLACK RECOGNIZED CALL AS EXECUTION OF PREVIOUS PLAN BUT SAYS HE MADE NO ATTEMPT TO MAKE THE MEET. BLACK PLANS TO TAKE ELEVEN AM OR TWELVE NOON DST TRAIN FROM PHILA: TO NEWARK, SATURDAY, JUNE TWENTYFOUR, AND REMAIN IN NEW JERSEY UNTIL SUNDAY EVENING. INTERVIEW WILL BE RESUMED MONDAY, JUNE TWENTYSIX NEXT. NEW YORK WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BLACK- S REGISTRATION AT HOTEL NEW YORKER ON FRIDAY EVENING IN FALL OF FORTYTHREE. NO BETTER DATE AVAILABLE. NEWARK WILL CHECK WITH NOPCO TO LEARN IF SORBITOL PROCESS WAS EVER CLASSIFIED. NEWARK WILL PICK UP SURVEILLANCE OF SUBJECT SATURDAY, JUNE TWENTYFOUR, AND CONDUCT IT WHILE BLACK IN NEWARK TERRITORY. SURVEILLANCE SHOULD BE DISCREET.

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WASHINGTON 8 NEWARK 2 NEW YORK 6 FROM PHILA. 6-24-50 8-56 PM MPH
DIRECTOR AND SAC-S NEWARK AND NEW YORK U R G E N T
THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESPIONAGE - R. NO INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT TODAY.
INDICATIONS ARE SUBJECT WILL PROCEED TO NEWARK JUNE TWENTY-FIVE NEXT
AND RETURN SAME DATE. SURVEILLANCE CONTINUES. NEWARK WILL BE ADVISED
WHEN SUBJECT LEAVES PHILA.

CORNELIUS

END

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WA AK PH R 8 WA HK

NK AK WHAT TIME WAS MESSAGE ONE SENT TO NK 3-09 PM

PH R 2 NK JMM

NY AK SHLDNT THIS BE 4 OUR NO FOUR READS 5-18 PM

AT T AT 505 PM I RECEIVED NO3 NONE SINCE THEN

NO. FOUR IS 5-18 AND NO. 5 IS 5-27 PM

WILL ACI FOR THIS AND CALL U BACK

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS, ESP-R. SUBJECT ARRIVED FROM PHILA AT NINE FORTY AM JUNE TWENTY FIFTH AT WHICH TIME SURVEILLANCE TAKEN OVER FROM PHILA AGENTS. SUBJECT PROCEEDED BY BUS TO SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, PATERSON, N.J. WHERE HE WORKED REMAINDER OF DAY IN COMPANY WITH JACOB FASS. NO OTHER CONTACTS MADE. BLACK AND FASS LEFT PATERSON BY BUS AT SIX THIRTY PM AND PROCEEDED TO PENNA RR STATION, NYC, WHERE BLACK BOARDED PHILA ^{TRAIN} ~~PLANE~~ DEPARTING EIGHT FORTY FIVE PM EDST. SUBJECT DUE TO ARRIVE NORTH PHILA ABOUT TEN FIFTEEN PM EDST ACCOMPANIED BY TWO AGENTS. PHILA ADVISED BY PHONE.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP. R. REBUTEL JUNE TWENTYSIX.

MYTEL JUNE TWENTYTHREE CONTAINED LEAD FOR NEWARK TO LEARN WHETHER
INFO RE SORBITOL WAS RESTRICTED IN NINETEEN FORTYFIVE. NEWARK
EXPEDITE.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS. - ESP - R. VERA KANE TELEPHONED NYO TODAY TO ADVISE HER DIARY CONTAINED REFERENCE TO MEETING BLACK FOR LUNCH IN JANUARY, FORTY FIVE. ALSO AT LUNCH WITH HER WERE FRANK FLUMACH AND JOHN WALDO. FLUMACH WAS A GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR AT THAT TIME FOR SOME ENGINEERING PROJECT. HE PRESENTLY RESIDES RIVERHEAD, LONG ISLAND, WHERE HE IS ATTEMPTING TO BUILD UP LAW PRACTICE. KANE POSSIBLY CALLED WITH ABOVE INFO IN AN ATTEMPT TO SHOW SHE IS COOPERATING. FLUMACH IS AN OLD FRIEND WHO KNEW BLACK THROUGH HER. SUGGEST PHILADELPHIA QUESTION BLACK CONCERNING HIM AND IF BELIEVED ADVISABLE AFTER THAT REQUEST NY INTERVIEW FLUMACH. KANE WAS ASKED ABOUT TRIP TO SHERMAN SQUARE HOTEL ALLEGEDLY MADE BY BLACK AND HELLER IN NINETEEN THIRTY NINE /SET OUT IN PHILATEL JUNE TWENTY THIRD, FIFTY/. SHE SAID SHE DID NOT RECALL DATE BUT KNEW IT WAS AFTER BLACK HAD THE ACCIDENT AND THOUGHT IT MAY HAVE BEEN IN EARLY FORTIES WHEN THE FOLLOWING OCCURRED. BLACK AND HELLER CALLED HER TO ASK IF THEY COULD MEET A MAN IN HER PLACE AT THE SHERMAN SQUARE HOTEL. SHE GAVE THEM PERMISSION AND SAID THEY MET A MAN NAMED TISCHLER ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON. SHE THOUGHT. SHE SAID SHE DID NOT STAY DURING THE WHOLE TIME HE WAS THERE BUT SHE KNEW THEY WERE

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TALKING ABOUT FORMING A CORPORATION TO PRODUCE PROTECTIVE COATING FOR METALS. THEY ASKED HER QUESTIONS ABOUT CORPORATION LAW AND THE COST OF FORMING A CORPORATION. SHE SAID SHE NEVER HEARD ANY MORE OF THE PLAN AFTER THAT AND SHE WAS SURE SHE HAD NOT DONE ANY TYPING FOR THEM ON THIS OCCASION. KANE SAID SHE HAD TISCHLER-S NAME LISTED IN A CARD INDEX AND READ IT OFF AS NAT TISCHLER, THREE ONE SEVEN LECONY AVENUE, PALMYRA, NEW JERSEY, TELEPHONE RIVERTON TWO FIVE EIGHT R. SUGGEST BLACK AND HELLER ALSO BE QUESTIONED CONCERNING THIS. NEWARK SHOULD CHECK OFFICE INDICES ON NAT TISCHLER. SHERMAN SQUARE HOTEL RECORDS FOR NINETEEN THIRTY NINE HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

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WASHINGTON 6 NEW YORK 3 PHILA 2 FROM NEWARK

27

2-26 PM

DIRECTOR AND SACS URGENT

THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP-R. RE NY TEL JUNE TWENTY SIXTH. NEWARK
INDICES NEGATIVE RE NAT ~~T~~ISCHLER. DIRECTORIES REFLECT A NATHANIEL
~~T~~ISCHLER AS PRESENTLY RESIDING THREE ONE SEVEN LECONY AVENUE, PAL-
MYRA, N. J.

MC KEE

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ACK ORD PLS

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, PHILADELPHIA

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESPIONAGE - R. RE PHILADELPHIA TEL TWENTYTHIRD
INSTANT. RECORDS, MARK TWAIN HOTEL, DESTROYED PRIOR TO NINETEEN FORTY-
SIX. RUC.

MC SWAIN

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WASH 13 NEW YORK 7 PHILA 1 FROM NEWARK

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U R G E N T

THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP-R. RE PHILA TELS JUNE TWENTY SEVENTH AND
JUNE TWENTY NINTH. DAILY RECORDS CONCERNING BLACK AT WEST HUDSON HOSPIT-
AL CONTAIN NO MENTION OF VISITS BY DR. SCHWARZ OR DR. RABINOVICH.
EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY NICHOLS OF EAST RUTHERFORD, N. J. UNPRODUCTIVE TO
DATE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING. NEWARK INDICES NEGATIVE RE HERMAN
AND DORA GELFAND, ABRAHAM L. FRIEDMAN, AND KATHERINE SREBNICK.

MC KEE

CORR-LINE 4 WORD 7 SHLD BE "RUTHERDORD,"

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., FERDINAND P. HELLER, WAS., VERA KANE,
WAS., ESP: R. REBUTEL JUNE TWENTYNINE LAST. EXPECTED THAT MAJOR
INTERVIEWS WITH BLACK WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE BY JULY
SEVEN NEXT. REPORT WILL THEN BE PREPARED AT ONCE AND WILL BE
SUBMITTED ABOUT ONE WEEK THEREAFTER. REPORTS ON KANE AND HELLER
UNDER PREPARATION. TO BE FORWARDED BUREAU JULY FIVE NEXT.

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WASHINGTON 5, NEWARK 2, NEW YORK 2 FROM PHILADELPHIA

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DIRECTOR, SACS

THOMAS L. BLACK. ESP. R. SURVEILLANCE REFLECTS SUBJECT DEPARTED
PHILA. ELEVEN THIRTY AM EDST THIS DATE FOR NEWARK. ACCOMPANIED BY
PHILA. AGENT. NEWARK HAS BEEN ADVISED BY PHONE.

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DIRECTOR AND SACS NEW YORK AND PHILA

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THOMAS L. BLACK, ESP-R. SURVEILLANCE TAKEN OVER FROM PHILA AGENT

TWELVE FIFTY PM JULY FIRST AT PENNA RR STATION, NEWARK.

SUBJECT PROCEEDED BY BUS TO SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO., PATERSON,

N. J. WHERE HE STAYED REMAINDER OF DAY. JACOB ~~F~~ASS ALSO PRESENT
AT PREMISES.

MC KEE

END

ACK IN ORD

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DIRECTOR AND SACS NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA URGENT

THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP- R. REBUTEL JUNE TWENTY NINTH AND RE
BOSTON TEL JUNE THIRTIETH. GEORGE HARRIS NICHOLS OF MADISON, N. J.
AND JAMES S. NICHOL OF LINDEN, N. J. NEVER RESIDED IN EAST RUTHERFORD,
N. J. UNABLE TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL NAMED NICHOLS OF EAST RUTHERFORD
REFERRED TO IN RETEL ON BASIS OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION. SUBJECT WORKED
AT SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO., PATERSON, N. J. MORNING OF JULY SECOND.
PROCEEDED BY BUS TO ONE SIX FIVE TWELFTH STREET, WOOD- RIDGE, N. J.
IN AFTERNOON. ADDRESS IDENTIFIED AS HOME OF ERNEST SEGESSEMAN.
RETURNED TO PATERSON IN EARLY EVENING, ATTENDED MOVIE AND THEN SPENT
NIGHT AT SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO. SUBJECT APPEARED NERVOUS AND USED EVASIVE
TACTICS. SURVEILLANCE CONTINUING.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP-R. RE PHILA TEL JULY FIRST. ESSEX COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL NOT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW UNTIL JULY FIFTH. PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE TODAY REFLECTED SUBJECT WORKED DURING AM AT SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, PATERSON, N. J. AT ELEVEN AM HE PROCEEDED TO PENNA RAILROAD STATION, NEWARK, N. J., WHERE HE CHECKED SMALL HANDBAG IN LOCKER. HE THEN PROCEEDED TO VAN POZNAK WAREHOUSE, NEWARK, WHERE HE PREPARED A POWER OF ATTORNEY TO PERMIT REMOVAL OF SOME OF HIS GOODS BY JACOB FASS. SUBJECT ALSO PAID ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX DOLLARS TO VAN POZNAK FOR STORAGE TO JUNE NINETEEN FIFTY ONE. SUBJECT RETURNED TO SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY THIS AFTERNOON, SURVEILLANCE CONTINUING.

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THOMAS L. BLACK, ESP DASH R. BLACK CAME TO NEWARK FROM
PATERSON ABOUT SIX THIRTY PM EDT, HAD DINNER, ATTENDED MOVIE
AND LEFT NEWARK VIA ELEVEN FIFTEEN PM EDT PENNA. R. R. ENROUTE
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DIRECTOR AND SACS URGENT

THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP-R. REVIEW OF RECORDAK RECORD OF SUBJECT-S
CHECKING ACCOUNT AT WEST HUDSON NATL BANK, HARRISON, NJ, REFLECTS PAY-
MENTS BY BLACK AS FOLLOWS -- TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS ON JANUARY THIRTIETH,
FORTYTWO TO DR. BENJ. D. SILVERSTEIN, TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS ON JANUARY
FOURTH, FORTYFOUR TO EMANUEL KOENIGSBERG, TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS ON JULY
FOURTEENTH, FORTYFOUR TO DR. WM. H. SILVERSTEIN, TWO DOLLARS ON SEP-
TEMBER TWENTIETH AND TWENTYFIFTH, FORTYFOUR TO JOHN MALACHEFSKY, TEN
DOLLARS ON MAY THIRTYFIRST AND SEPTEMBER NINETEENTH, FORTYFIVE TO JOHN
H. HUDUDEN OR HUDUBON, FIVE DOLLARS ON JULY TWENTYSIXTH, FORTYFIVE
TO CASH ENDORSED BY J. B. FENSTER OR FESSTER. ALSO NOTED WERE MONTHLY
PAYMENTS OF SEVENTEEN DOLLARS THIRTYTWO CENTS TO FIDELITY UNION TRUST
CO., TIME SALES DURING FORTYTWO, ALTHOUGH THIS BANK HAS NO RECORD OF
ANY DEALINGS WITH BLACK. MOST OF CHECKS WRITTEN BY BLACK WERE IN PAY-
MENT OF RENT, UTILITIES AND FOOD AND TO MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS CONCERNS.
REVIEW OF ACCOUNT CONTINUING. SUGGEST BLACK BE QUESTIONED RE IDENTITY
OF ABOVE INDIVIDUALS AND NATURE OF PAYMENTS TO FIDELITY UNION TRUST

CO., NEWARK.

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cc: Mr. Belmont
Mr. Lamphere

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WASHINGTON 1 PHIL 1 FROM CHICAGO

7-6-50

11-40PM

CONF TO DIRECTOR AND SAC

U R G E N T

THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS, ESP- R. RE PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE JULY THREE LAST. CHICAGO FILES DO NOT REFLECT CONVENTION IN CHICAGO IN THIRTY NINE. FILES DO REFLECT PLENUM CONFERENCE HELD BY SWP ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY SEVEN, TWENTYEIGHT AND TWENTYNINE, FORTY, AT ONE NAUGHT ONE SIX N. DEARBORN STREET, CHICAGO. INDIVIDUALS ATTENDING CONFERENCE STAYED WACKER AND MARK TWAIN HOTELS. SUBJECTS NAME OR ALIAS TOM JONES NOT LISTED AMONG DELEGATES STAYING EITHER HOTEL. ADDRESS ONE SEVEN OXFORD STREET, NEWARK, N. J. NOT USED AS ADDRESS OF ANY DELEGATE.

ADVISED FIFTH INSTANT TO BEST OF MEMORY PLENUM CONCERRECE AS CHICAGO IN THIRTY NINE. UNABLE TO RECALL PARTICULARS OF CONFERENCE AS TO WHEN HELD, ETC., BUT BELIEVES CONFERENCE PROBABLY DEALT WITH DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING MINORITY GROUP OF SWP WHICH LATER SPLIT TO BECOME WORKERS PARTY. REPORT FOLLOWS: -

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cc: Mr. Belmont
Mr. Ladd

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DIRECTOR AND SACS NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA URGENT

THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP- R. RE PHILA TELS JULY FIFTH AND SIXTH.

IN EFFORT TO LOCATE HIT GRADUATE NICHOLS PH OF EAST RUTHERFORD, NJ.

IT HAS BEEN ASCERTAINED THAT ONLY A JASPER NICHOLS AND A G. N.

NICHOLSON POSSESSED SIMILAR NAME AND RESIDED IN THAT TOWN IN NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE. NEITHER OF WHOM ATTENDED HIT. ALL INDIVIDUALS NAMED NICHOLS OR NICOL RESIDING THIRTYFIVE IN ADJOINING TOWN OF RUTHERFORD, NJ. CONTACTED OR CHECKED THROUGH OTHER RESIDENTS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS RE ATTENDANCE AT HIT. PHONE NUMBER RU TWO DASH SIX NINE SEVEN NAUGHT LISTED SINCE DECEMBER FORTYSEVEN TO FREDERICK PATERNO, FIVE NAUGHT ONE VALLEY BROOK AVENUE, LYNDHURST, NJ. NO PHONE RECORDS PRIOR TO FORTYSEVEN RETAINED BY TELEPHONE COMPANY. THE NUMBER RU TWO DASH TWO NAUGHT SIX FIVE N IS LISTED TO E. SEGESSEMAN, ONE SIX FIVE TWELFTH STREET, WOOD- RIDGE, NJ. CONCERNING WHOM INFO HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN FURNISHED. INDICES NEGATIVE RE PATERNO.

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WASHINGTON 1 NEW YORK 1 PHILA 1 FROM NEWARK 10 1-28AM

DIRECTOR AND SACS NEW YORK AND PHILA DEFERRED

THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESP- R. SUBJECT ARRIVED NEWARK TWO TWENTY FOUR PM EDT JULY EIGHT AT WHICH TIME SURVEILLANCE TAKEN OVER FROM PHILA AGENTS. SUBJECT WALKED AROUND BUSINESS SECTION OF NEWARK, ATTENDED MOVIE IN AFTERNOON AND LATER SPENT NIGHT AT DOUGLAS HOTEL. NO PHONE CALLS RECEIVED OR CONTACTS MADE AT HOTEL. HE WALKED TO PENN RR STATION, NEWARK, AT TEN AM JULY NINTH WHERE HE MET JACOB FASS AND TOGETHER THEY PICKED UP TWO METAL CHESTS WHICH BLACK HAD CHECKED WHEN HE ARRIVED IN NEWARK. BLACK AND FASS THEN PROCEEDED BY BUS TO SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO., PATERSON, N. J. WHERE THEY REMAINED ONE HOUR BEFORE PROCEEDING BY BUS TO NEW YORK CITY. THE METAL CHESTS WERE LEFT AT SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO. ATE DINNER AND ATTENDED MOVIE IN NYC AFTERNOON OF JULY NINTH. SUBJECT AND FASS LEFT THEATER TOGETHER AND WALKED TO PENN STATION, WHERE THE SURVEILLANCE WAS LOST FOR SOME TWENTY MINUTES. SURVEILLANCE AGAIN PICKED UP, AT WHICH TIME THE SUBJECT WAS ALONE. AFTER SPENDING SOME TIME IN THE PENN RR STATION, SUBJECT BOARDED PENN RR TRAIN NUMBER ONE FOUR THREE, WHICH LEFT NEW YORK AT EIGHT THIRTY PM EDT. SAS JOHN LYONS AND THOMAS JONES ACCOMPANIED SUBJECT ON TRAIN. PHILA ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY AT EIGHT THIRTY THIS DATE RE THE ABOVE.

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Director, FBI

July 13, 1950

SAC, Philadelphia

BERNARD PHILIP HELLER, was.,
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet June 30, 1950 and my telephone call July 12.

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THOMAS L. BLACK was interviewed at the Philadelphia Office on the evening of July 11, 1950. He had not been interviewed on the previous night. On July 11, BLACK advised the interviewing agents that FRED HELLER had told him the previous day that Dr. JOSEPH SKILTON committed suicide on Friday, July 7. BLACK said that the SKILTON family had made every attempt to keep the story quiet and no indication of it had appeared in the newspapers beyond a routine death notice which first appeared on Saturday night, July 8.

Upon examination of the July 8 issue of the Philadelphia "Evening Bulletin," a death notice was found which said that Dr. JOSEPH D. SKILTON died suddenly at his home at 26 Roseland Avenue, Fox Chase Manor, and that the funeral would be held Tuesday, July 11.

BLACK said he had not been to the funeral but that he had attended the viewing at a funeral parlor on the evening of July 10. He had been able to secure few details of the circumstances except that SKILTON had locked himself in the bathroom of his home and stabbed himself in the abdomen. BLACK also said that he had known SKILTON for a good many years and was convinced that SKILTON was a manic depressive, subject to fits of extreme despondency. In addition, BLACK said that he knew that for a number of years SKILTON had been addicted to the use of nitrous oxide (laughing gas) as a drug. He explained that inhalation of nitrous oxide produces a "jag." BLACK knew of no reason why SKILTON should have committed suicide except what he might have imagined.

BLACK had learned from HELLER that SKILTON had come to the conclusion that BLACK's purpose in giving him some air-conditioning equipment for his office was to provide an excuse for BLACK to use the office as a meeting place for espionage activities. BLACK also said that SKILTON seemed to believe that HELLER addressed a letter to BLACK from Europe in care of SKILTON in order to make SKILTON's home a mail drop.

It appeared from BLACK's story that SKILTON considered himself the victim of a plot concocted by BLACK and HELLER.

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cc: 65-1332 (THOMAS L. BLACK)

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At the conclusion of the interview with BLACK on July 11, he said he wished to take up the matter of FRED HELLER. He then explained that he was convinced that HELLER seriously contemplates suicide. He explained that he had once before seen HELLER in the same state of mind. This was about 1934 when HELLER broke up his affair with VERA KANE and was in an extremely depressed state of mind, drinking heavily and threatening suicide. At that time BLACK persuaded him not to.

According to BLACK, HELLER has a completely neurotic personality. HELLER's brother told BLACK on July 10 that for at least a week HELLER has been drinking as much as two bottles of liquor a day. BLACK emphasized that when HELLER gets under the influence of liquor he is completely unaccountable and may do almost anything. For the past several days HELLER has been having a continuing quarrel with his mother, blaming her for all of his present troubles. HELLER claims that had he been properly brought up he would not be in his present situation. HELLER's wife, whom he married about ten days ago, probably knows nothing of HELLER's present state of mind and BLACK is sure that HELLER has not confided in her about his past activities. BLACK said on the evening of July 11 that he would make an attempt to see HELLER and have a talk with him, attempting to persuade him that there was no necessity of suicide.

On the morning of July 12, BLACK advised Agent HOMES that he had been unsuccessful in persuading HELLER to talk with him. HELLER said he plans to spend a couple of weeks in the mountains and if he is unable to regain control of himself, will "take the same step that JOE did."

BLACK appeared to feel that there is nothing further that can be done, since none of HELLER's family have any influence over him.

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REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 7/19/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/27; 7/5, 17/50	REPORT MADE BY JULIAN R. WALTERS JRW:VLS
TITLE THOMAS L. BLACK, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records Mark Twain Hotel prior to 1946 destroyed. Informant advised that to best of memory a plenum conference of SWP was held in Chicago, Illinois, in 1939 but unable to recall anything further concerning this plenum conference.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Mr. JOSEPH FELDMAN, manager of the Mark Twain Hotel, 111 West Division Street, advised SA MILES J. MINITER on June 27, 1950 that the records of the Mark Twain Hotel prior to 1946 have been destroyed.

Chicago T-1, of unknown reliability who was in a position to know the activities of the Socialist Workers Party in 1939; advised on July 5, 1950 that to the best of informant's memory there was a plenum conference of the Socialist Workers Party held in Chicago, Illinois, in 1939. The informant was unable to recall exactly when or where the conference was held and was also unable to recall what the conference was about, but believed the conference was probably concerned with the minority group within the SWP which later split from that party to form the Workers Party, now known as the Independent Socialist League. The informant could not recall the name of TOM JONES or THOMAS L. BLACK in connection with the Socialist Workers Party.

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It is to be noted that the Socialist Workers Party, the Workers Party, and the Independent Socialist League, were all three designated as Communist and subversive by the Attorney General.

An anonymous source of unknown reliability made available a leaflet captioned "Information For Delegates To The Socialist Workers Party Plenum Conference, Chicago, September 27, 28, 29, 1940". This pamphlet reflected this conference was to be held at 1016 North Dearborn Street and that the hotels to be used by the delegates to this conference were the Mark Twain Hotel, 111 West Division Street, Chicago, and the Wacker Hotel, 109 West Huron Street, Chicago, Ill.

Chicago T-2, of known reliability, advised that the names THOMAS L. BLACK or TOM JONES were not among the known delegates to this plenum conference of the SWP held in Foresters' Hall, 1016 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, on September 27, 28, and 29, 1940. The informant advised that some of the delegates to this conference were known to have stayed at the Wacker Hotel, 109 West Huron Street, and at the Mark Twain Hotel, 111 West Division Street, both Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. LEON BLONBERG, manager of the Wacker Hotel, 109 West Huron Street, and Miss NORA HALVERSON, Clerk, Mark Twain Hotel, 111 West Division Street, made available the registrations of the delegates to the SWP plenum conference held on September 27, 28, and 29, 1940 which registrations did not reflect the names TOM JONES or THOMAS L. BLACK nor did any of these registrations reflect the address of 17 Oxford Street, Newark, New Jersey.

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The leaflet obtained from an anonymous source of unknown reliability reflecting the plenum conference of the SWP held on September 27, 28, and 29, 1940, was furnished to an unidentified employee of the Chicago Office.

Mr. LEON BLONBERG, manager of the Wacker Hotel, and Miss NORA HALVERSON, clerk of the Mark Twain Hotel, made available the hotel registrations for their respective hotels for the delegates to the plenum conference of the SWP held in September, 1940, to an unidentified agent of the Chicago Office.

The SWP files in the Chicago Office were checked with negative results for an SWP conference held in Chicago in 1939.

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INFORMANT PAGE

Chicago T-1

[REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] who furnished the information telephonically
to the writer on July 5, 1950.

Chicago T-2

Trash cover on Foresters' Hall, 1016 North Dearborn, which
was maintained through the cooperation of [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] who furnished the results of the
trash cover to an unidentified employee of the Chicago Office.

REFERENCE:

Philadelphia teletypes to the Director dated June 23 and
July 3, 1950.

Chicago teletypes to the Director dated June 27 and July 6,
1950.

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TITLE RECORDS OF THE MARK TWAIN HOTEL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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DETAILS:

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

DATE: 7/24/50

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, Was.
ESPIONAGE - R

Attention is directed to the report of SA EDWARD R. WHALEN dated 6/19/50 at New Haven in the above captioned matter.

It is to be noted that copies were inadvertently omitted for the Philadelphia office, which is the office of origin in instant case.

There are being enclosed for Philadelphia three copies of referenced report of SA WHALEN. The Bureau and New York office are requested to make the appropriate notations on their records to indicate that Philadelphia is now in possession of instant report.

cc: New York (65-15338)
cc: Philadelphia (65-4332) (Encs.3)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE:

July 26, 1950

FROM : SAC, NEWARK

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b1

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Re Philadelphia letter to Bureau, July 17, 1950.

Mr. CHRISTOPHER NUGENT, Assistant Health Officer, Department of Health, Newark, New Jersey, has advised that the records of his office reflect no information concerning any receipt of complaint or any visit to the apartment of THOMAS L. BLACK, 17 Oxford Street, Newark, New Jersey.

WALTER F. SMITH, Rent Manager, Chellis Austin Apartments, Newark, New Jersey, advised that several complaints were received from tenants concerning THOMAS L. BLACK but that none of these complaints concerned the operation of a chemical laboratory in BLACK's apartment.

SMITH further stated that nothing in his records reflect that any complaints concerning BLACK were ever referred to the Department of Health in Newark, New Jersey. RUC.

NE 65-3906
LGT:EL

CC Philadelphia
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Washington Field
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